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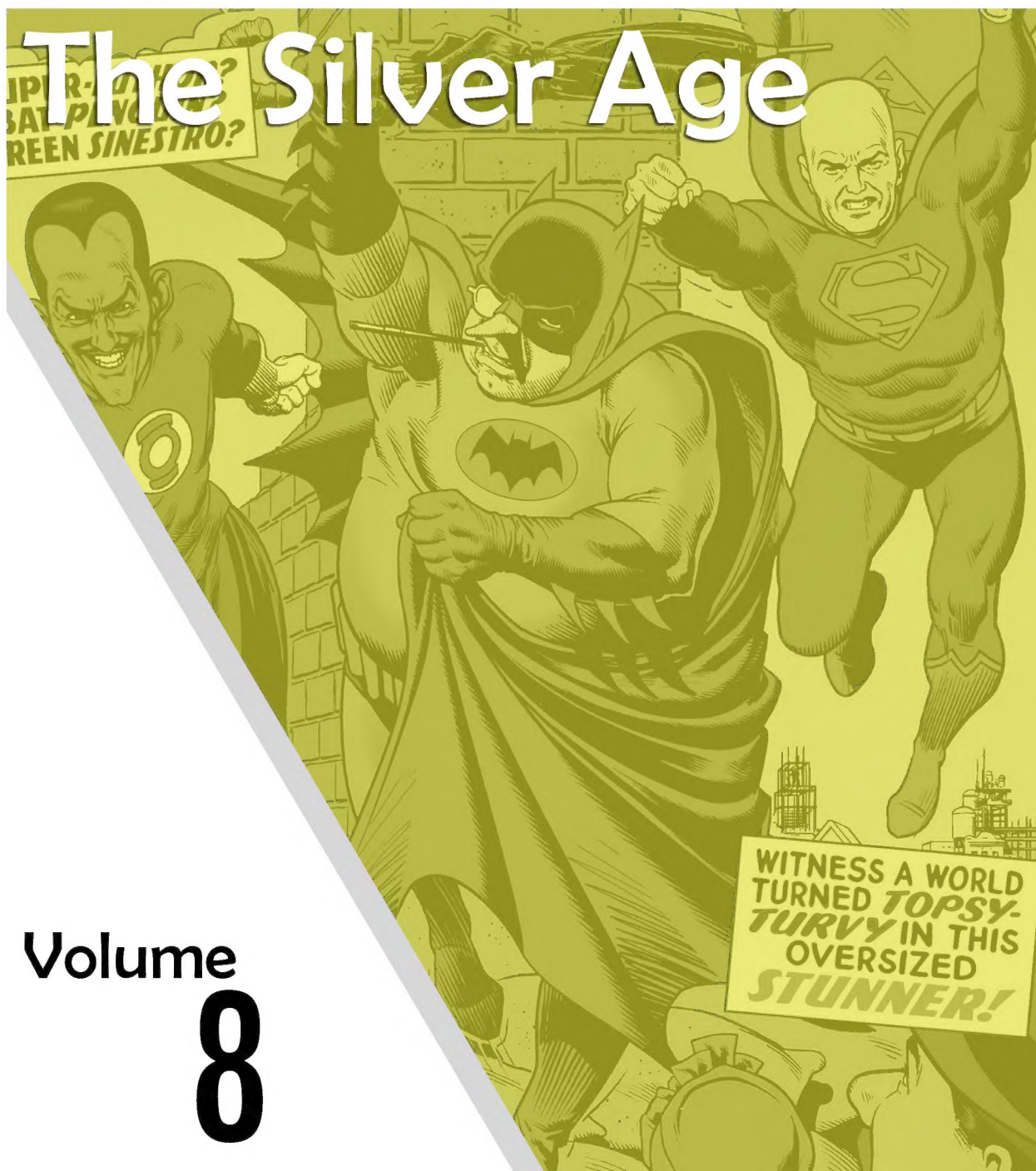
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Post- **CRISIS**
ON INFINITE EARTHS

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The Silver Age

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WORLD AFTER WORLD HAS FALLEN TO HIM AS HE TAKES BACK HIS BIRTHRIGHT AS RULER OF THE UNIVERSE... AGAMEMNO, IMMORTAL TYRANT FROM THE STARS! WOE TO ANY PLANET UPON WHICH HIS ATTENTION MAY TURN!

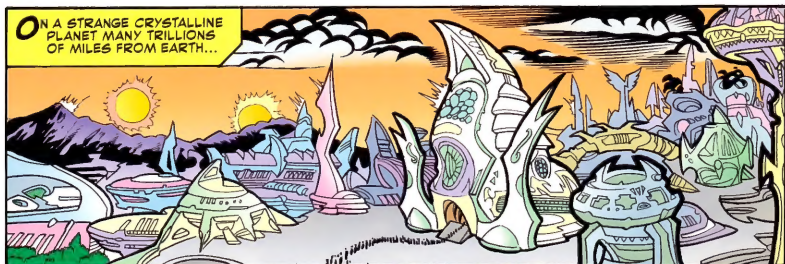
HIS NAME EVOKES TERROR ON WORLD AFTER WORLD...EXCEPT ONE. ONLY ONE WORLD STANDS BETWEEN AGAMEMNO AND TOTAL GALACTIC CONQUEST: EARTH! BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN HE TURNS HIS ATTENTION ON US, AS HE INEVITABLY MUST?

WILL THE EXISTENCE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-HEROES DISSUADE THE CRUEL CONQUEROR? OR WILL IT MERELY EXCITE HIS DESIRE FOR A CHALLENGE...A DESIRE TO CRUSH...



The SILVER AGE

MIKE COLLINS - PENCILS VINCE RUSSELL - INKS KURT HATHAWAY - LETTERS
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ON A STRANGE CRYSTALLINE
PLANET MANY TRILLIONS
OF MILES FROM EARTH...



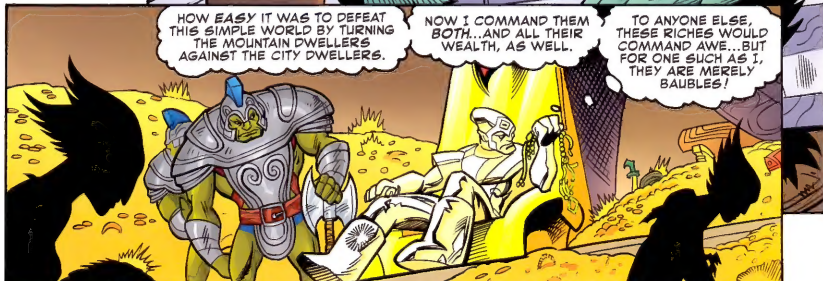
...A STRANGE AND TERRIBLE EVENT IS
TAKING PLACE, AS MILLIONS OF NATIVES
ARE MADE TO FILE INTO THE GRANDEST
HALL IN THEIR CAPITAL CITY.

GET BACK IN
LINE! NO TALKING!
LORD AGAMEMNO
COMMANDS
IT!



THERE, THEY MUST GIVE
FEALTY TO THE ALIEN
WARLORD WHO HAS
CONQUERED THEM...

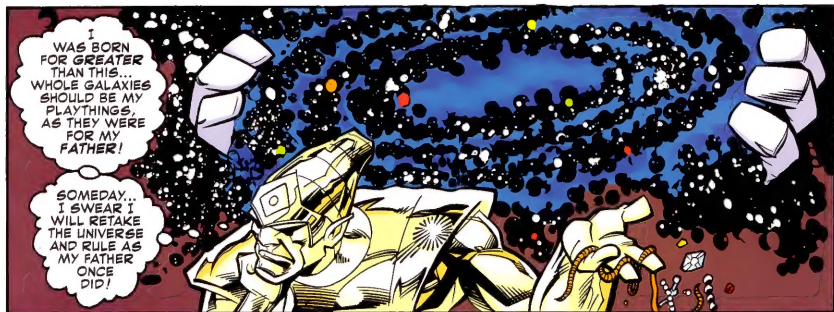
LORD AGAMEMNO,
HERE IS MY
TRIBUTE TO YOUR
MAGNIFICENCE.



HOW EASY IT WAS TO DEFEAT
THIS SIMPLE WORLD BY TURNING
THE MOUNTAIN DWELLERS
AGAINST THE CITY DWELLERS.

NOW I COMMAND THEM
BOTH...AND ALL THEIR
WEALTH, AS WELL.

TO ANYONE ELSE,
THESE RICHES WOULD
COMMAND AWE...BUT
FOR ONE SUCH AS I,
THEY ARE MERELY
BAUBLES!





YES, I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY. A FATHER WANTS TO LEAVE HIS CHILDREN WITH A BETTER CHANCE THAN HE HIMSELF HAD.

BUT THEN THE UNIVERSE CONSPIRES TO TAKE HIM AWAY, BEFORE HE EVEN HAS A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE.



TAKE HIM AWAY, GUARDS, AND DO WITH HIM AS YOU WISH.

PERHAPS THROW HIM INTO A PIT OF YOUR TOPAZ RATS.



YOU MAY DECIMATE US WITH YOUR CRUELTY, AGAMEMNON, BUT YOUR REIGN OF TERROR WILL BE SHORT-LIVED!

WOULD-BE CONQUERORS LIKE YOURSELF CANNOT GO FAR WITHOUT ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!



"JUSTICE LEAGUE"...? AM I SUPPOSED TO BE STRICKEN WITH FEAR BY THE SOUND OF THEIR NAME? HAH!



YOU MIGHT NOT FEAR THEM NOW... BUT YOU WILL! THEY ARE THE MIGHTIEST HEROES ANYONE HAS EVER SEEN!

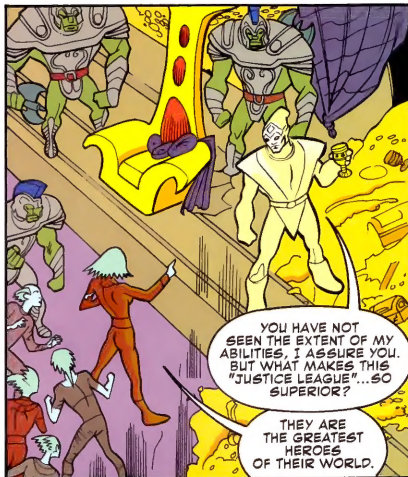
SILENCE, GIRL! YOU'LL BRING HIS WRATH DOWN ON US ALL!

NOT JUST YET. TELL ME MORE, YOU IMPUDENT WHELP. YOUR FOOLISHNESS AMUSES ME FOR THE MOMENT.



THERE IS NO THREAT THEY CANNOT DEFEAT. THERE IS NO WRONG THEY CANNOT RIGHT!

THEY HAVE FOUGHT AND TRIUMPHED OVER MUCH GREATER THREATS THAN YOU!



YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THE EXTENT OF MY ABILITIES, I ASSURE YOU. BUT WHAT MAKES THIS "JUSTICE LEAGUE"...SO SUPERIOR?

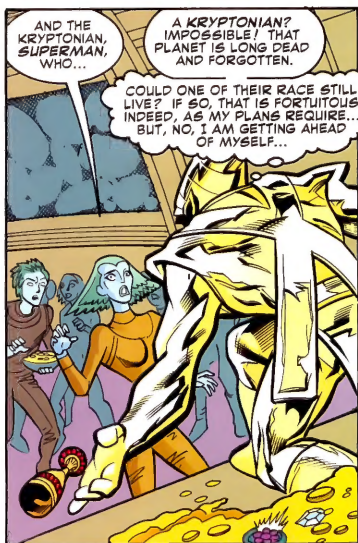
THEY ARE THE GREATEST HEROES OF THEIR WORLD.



I BROKE THE GREATEST HEROES OF THIS WORLD LIKE TWIGGS.

THEY HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS AMONG THEIR NUMBER.

REALLY? I HAVE BEATEN GREEN LANTERNS IN OTHER SECTORS...BUT TO FACE THE GREATEST OF THEIR NUMBER, IF THAT IS TRULY WHAT HE IS....hmm...



AND THE KRYPTONIAN, SUPERMAN, WHO...

A KRYPTONIAN? IMPOSSIBLE! THAT PLANET IS LONG DEAD AND FORGOTTEN.

COULD ONE OF THEIR RACE STILL LIVE? IF SO, THAT IS FORTUITOUS INDEED, AS MY PLANS REQUIRE... BUT, NO, I AM GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF...



SO TELL ME, THEN... IF THIS "JUSTICE LEAGUE" IS SO GREAT...WHERE DO I GO TO FIND THEM? CLEARLY, I SHALL HAVE TO DEFEAT THEM IF I AM TO CLAIM MY RIGHTEFUL TITLE AS RULER OF THE UNIVERSE.

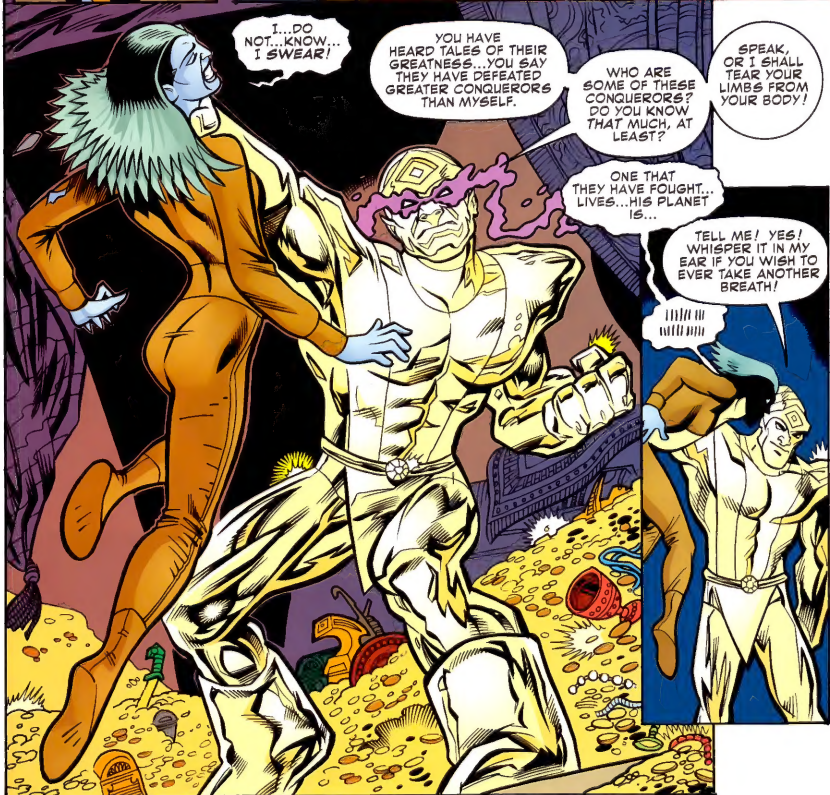
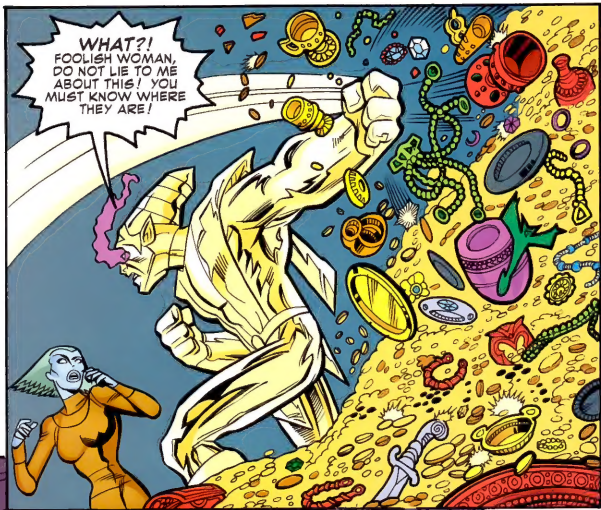
THEY... I MEAN... uh...

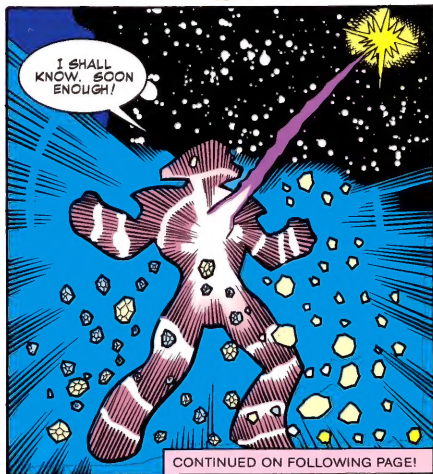
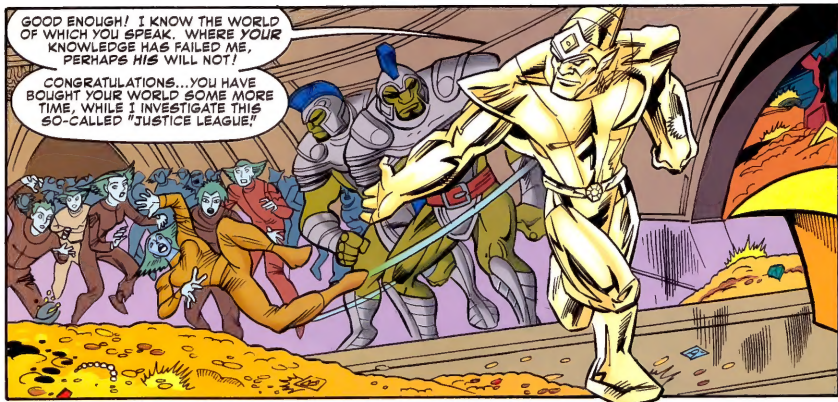
TELL ME WHERE TO FIND THEM AND I WILL RELEASE YOUR ENTIRE WORLD. YOU WILL HAVE YOUR FREEDOM BACK.



DON'T TELL HIM! IF HE KNOWS WHERE TO FIND THEM BEFORE THEY HEAR OF HIM, HE MIGHT DEFEAT THEM THROUGH SECRET TREACHERY! THOUGH IT MEANS OUR OWN DOOM, WE MUST TELL HIM NOTHING!

YOU FOOL! IF YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, TELL HIM! WE WILL HAVE OUR WORLD BACK...WHO CARES WHAT BECOMES OF ANY OTHERS? TELL HIM WHAT YOU KNOW!





THE HEROES?
Evil!
 THE SITUATION?
STRANGE!
 THE ACTION?
NON-STOP!



ON SALE THIS WEEK!

The SILVER AGE CHAPTER 2

NOT LONG AFTER, UNDER THE COLD, DIM LIGHT OF A GIANT RED STAR, AGAMEMNO STANDS IN AN ELEGANT, PALATIAL COURTYARD. HE BRINGS WITH HIM A STRANGE BURDEN...

YOU CANNOT TREAT US THIS WAY! DO YOU NOT KNOW WHO WE ARE?

SILENCE, WORM. I KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE! THAT IS WHY I HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE.

YOU ARE HYATHIS, KROMM, AND SAYYAR...THREE OF THE FOUR WARRING RULERS OF THE PLANETS IN THIS STAR SYSTEM, KNOWN AS ANTARES.

I HAVE BUSINESS TO CONDUCT WITH THE FOURTH WARLORD... YOUR RIVAL.

WHO DARES INTRUDE WITHIN MY PALACE?

HERE HE COMES NOW.

A HAUGHTY FIGURE STRIDES INTO THE COURTYARD, FLANKED BY HIS MOST ELITE ENERGI-GUARDS...

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, OUTSIDER, BUT IF YOU SEEK TO IMPRISON ME AS YOU HAVE THOSE OTHERS THERE...

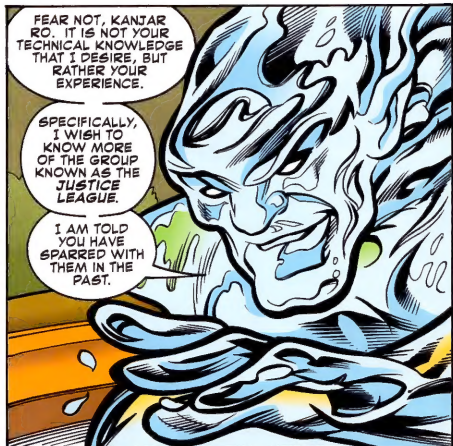
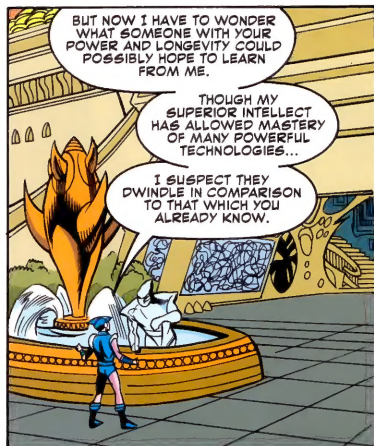
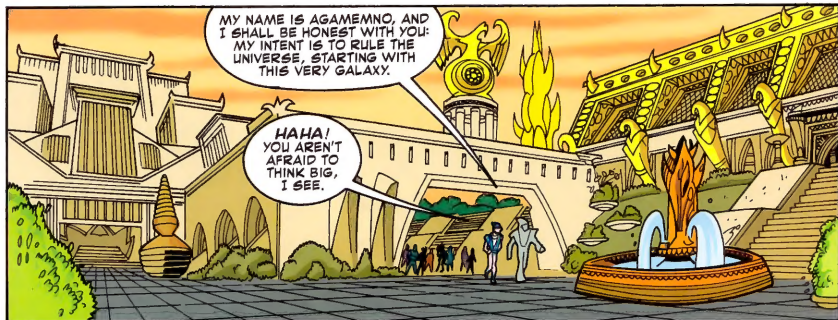
...YOU'LL FIND THAT KANTAR RO IS NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH!

WITH A WAVE OF HIS HAND, AGAMEMNO'S MASTERY OF ENERGI-MANIPULATION SHORTS OUT THE GUARDS' ENERGI-RIFLES!

DO NOT PLAY ARROGANT WITH ME, RO! I COULD EASILY CRUSH YOUR PLANET OF PHOR AND TAKE WHAT I WANT FROM YOU WITH FORCE...

BUT ANTAGONISM IS NOT MY INTENT. I BRING THESE RIVALS OF YOURS TO YOU AS A FRIENDLY OFFERING... IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION.

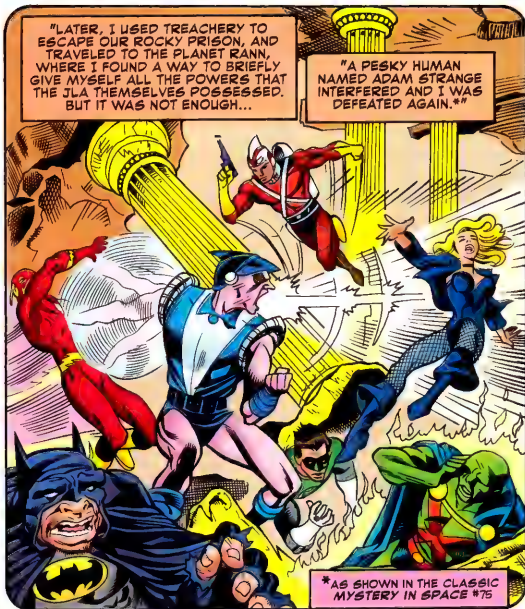
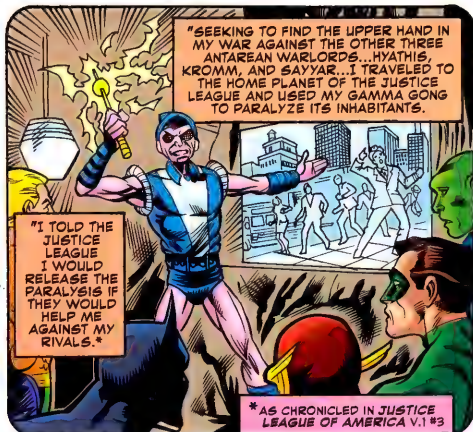
INFORMATION, YOU SAY? WHO ARE YOU, THEN... AND WHAT SORT OF INFORMATION DO YOU SEEK?

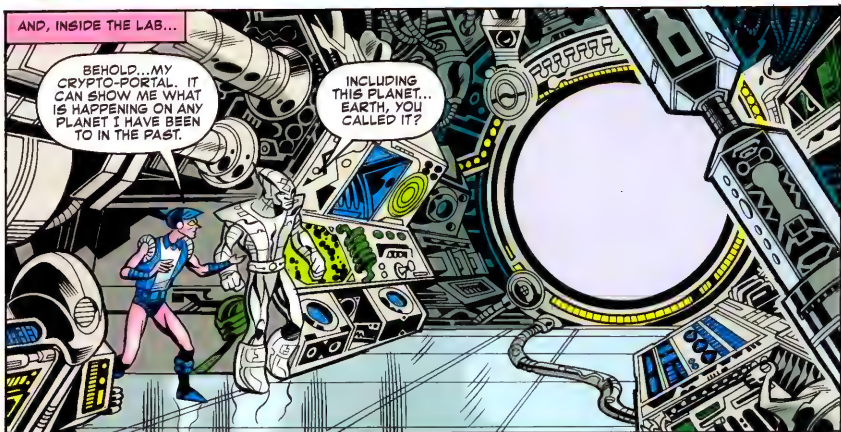
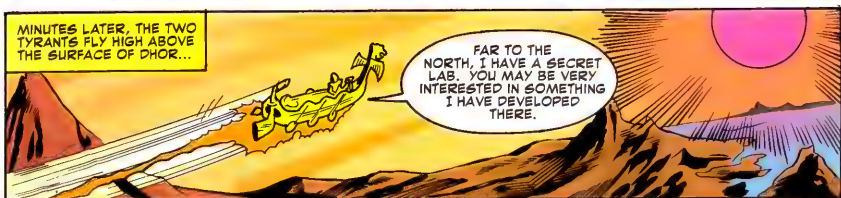
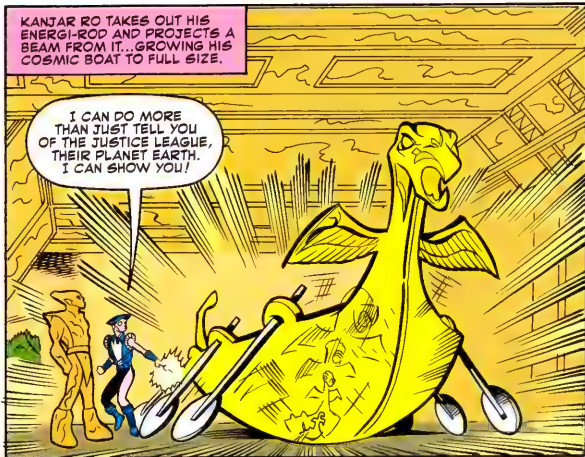
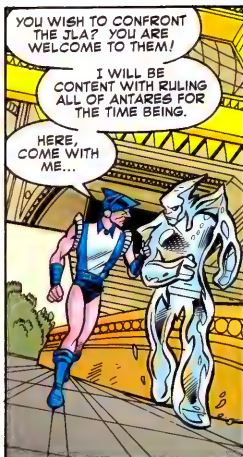


THE DELON'S BROW FURROWS
AS HE RECALLS TROUBLED
MEMORIES OF THE RECENT PAST...*

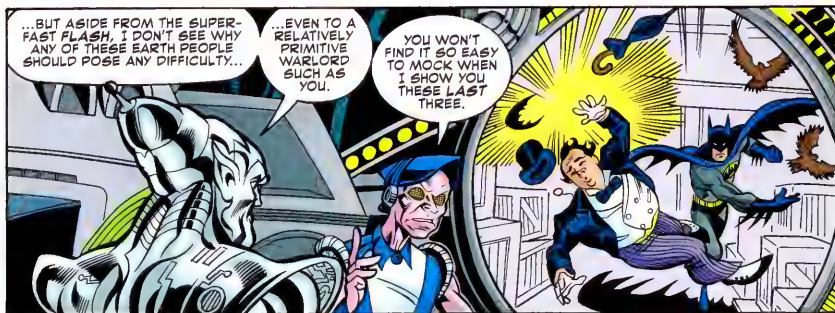
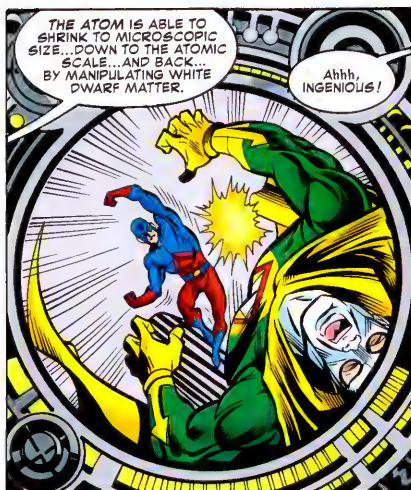
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
AYE, THEY HAVE PLAGUED ME
ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH!

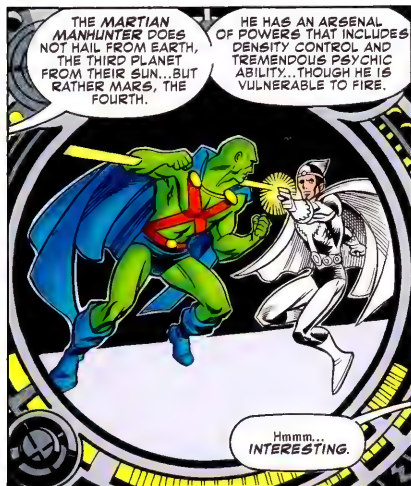
*"DELON" IS KANTAR RO'S FORMAL TITLE AS
THE DICTATORIAL RULER OF THE PLANET DHOR.

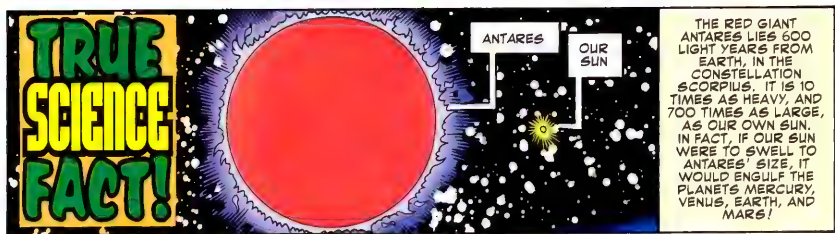
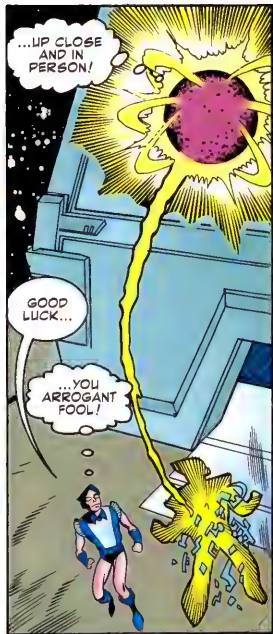






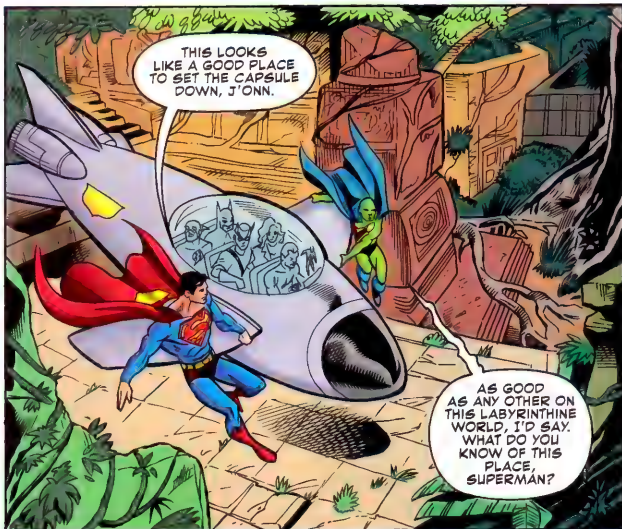






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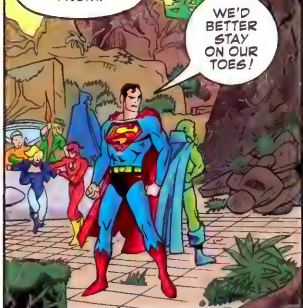
NOT LONG AFTER, ON ANOTHER DISTANT WORLD... A WORLD SO OLD THAT NO RECORD EVEN EXISTS OF ITS NAME...



IT'S NEW TO ME, TOO. ALL I KNOW IS THAT THIS IS WHERE GREEN LANTERN'S EMERGENCY ALERT MESSAGE CAME FROM.

SO KNOWING NOTHING ELSE ABOUT THIS PLANET, ONE THING IS CERTAIN...

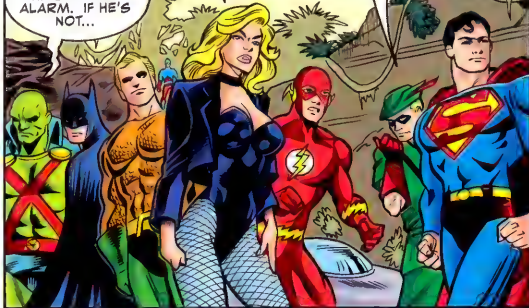
WE'D BETTER STAY ON OUR TOES!



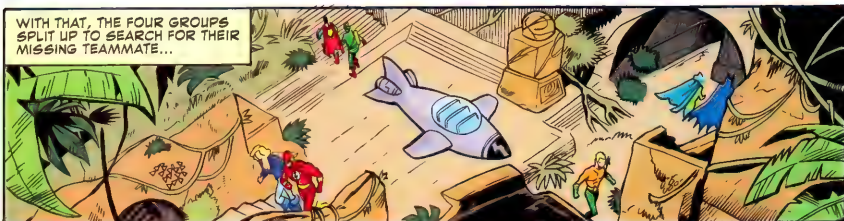
THE FIRST THING WE MUST DO IS SPLIT UP AND SEARCH FOR GREEN LANTERN. IF HE'S OKAY, HE CAN TELL US WHY HE SENT HIS ALARM. IF HE'S NOT...

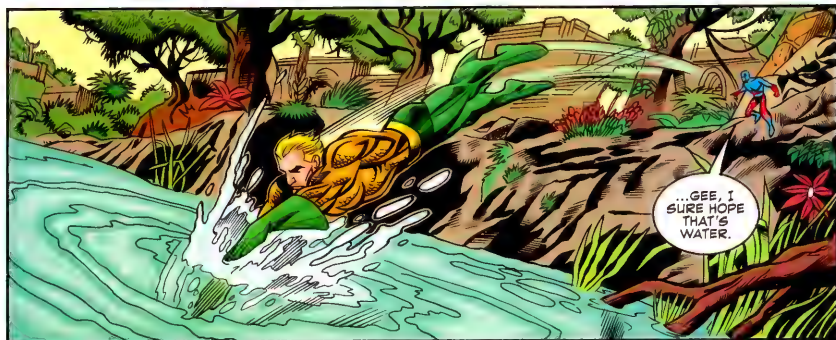
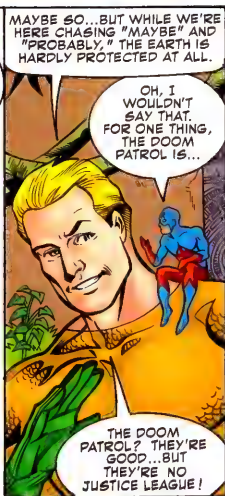
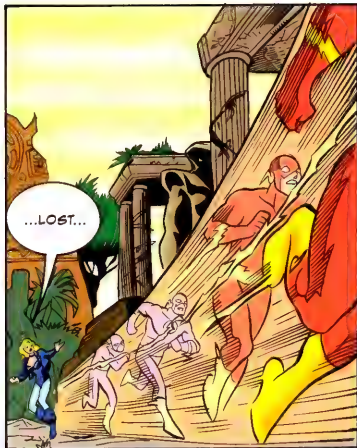
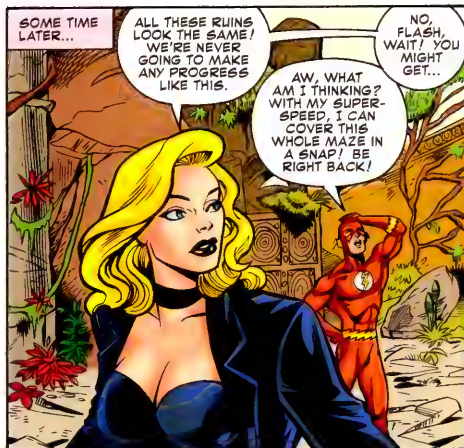
...THEN WE'LL PROBABLY FIND OUT WHY HE SENT HIS ALARM.

WELL, I HOPE HE'S OKAY. I DON'T MUCH CARE TO CRAM BACK INTO THE SATELLITE LIFEBOAT TO MAKE THE TRIP OUT HERE.



WITH THAT, THE FOUR GROUPS SPLIT UP TO SEARCH FOR THEIR MISSING TEAMMATE...





AND ELSEWHERE IN THE
TWISTED MAZE OF RUINS...

NO SIGN OF
RESIDUAL FOOTPRINT
WARMTH. HAL MIGHT
WELL HAVE BEEN
FLYING, THOUGH.

IT'S
STRANGE...
I FEEL AS
THOUGH THERE'S
SOMETHING...
FAMILIAR...

...A POWERFUL PSYCHIC
FORCE...YOU WAIT HERE,
BATMAN...WHILE I...

J'ONN,
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING? WE
PROBABLY
SHOULDN'T
BE...

BRUCE?
IS THAT YOU?
IT IS!

MOM...? DAD? BUT
THIS CAN'T BE...!
YOU'RE...

I KNOW
THIS MUST SEEM
STRANGE TO YOU,
BUT THERE'S A
LOGICAL
EXPLANATION.

IT...NO, THIS
IS SOME KIND OF
TRICK. PERHAPS
I'VE BEEN DRUGGED
SOMEHOW?

WHATEVER
YOUR GAME
IS, I WON'T...

THIS IS NO
GAME, BRUCE...
THIS IS VERY
SERIOUS. LOOK
INTO OUR EYES...
YOU'LL SEE!

WHAT SORT OF TRAP IS THIS? AND
WHO IS BEHIND IT? ACROSS THE
ANCIENT MAZE, A CERTAIN EMERALD
ARCHER BEGINS TO WONDER THE
SAME THING.

SUPERMAN LEFT TO
SCOUT AHEAD QUITE
SOME TIME AGO...I'M
SURE HE'D BE BACK BY
NOW IF HE COULD...

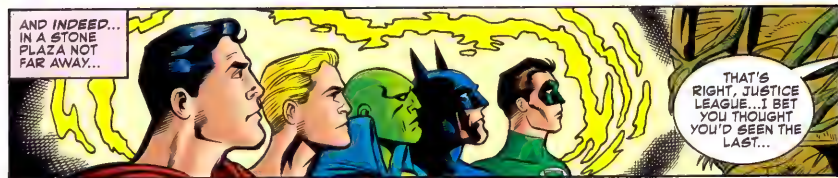
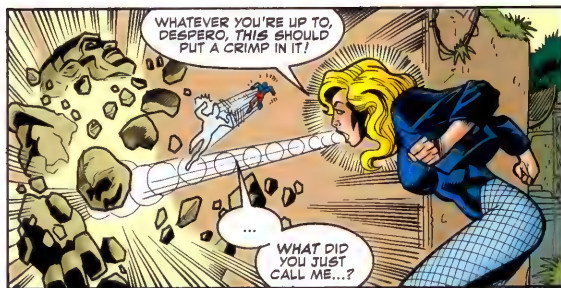
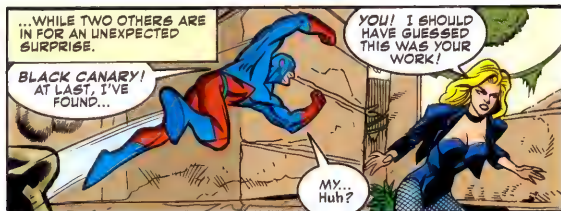
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE
SPLIT UP LIKE THAT...
SOMEONE'S ISOLATING
US FROM EACH OTHER
FOR SOME...

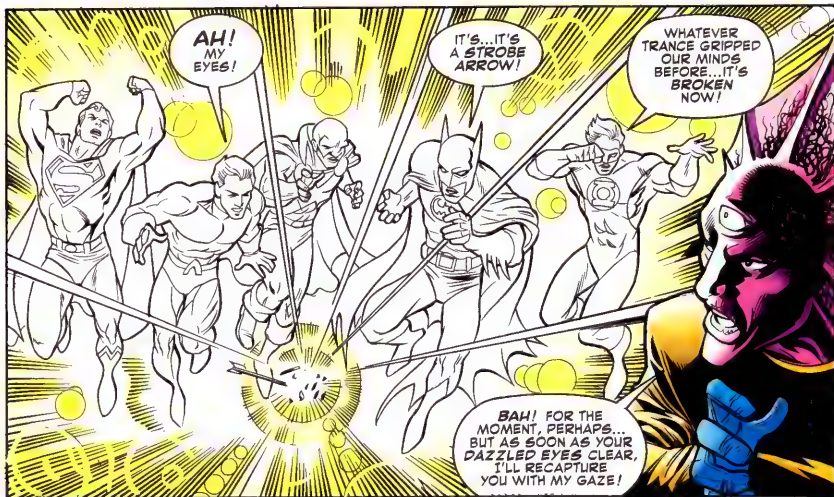
WAIT...
WHAT'S
THAT?

SOME SORT
OF GLITTERING
LIGHT...AS IF FROM
AN ENERGY
SOURCE!

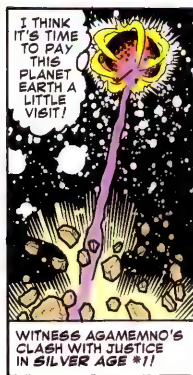
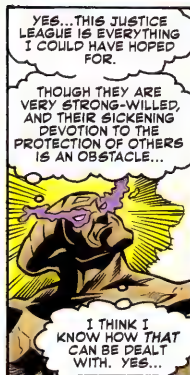
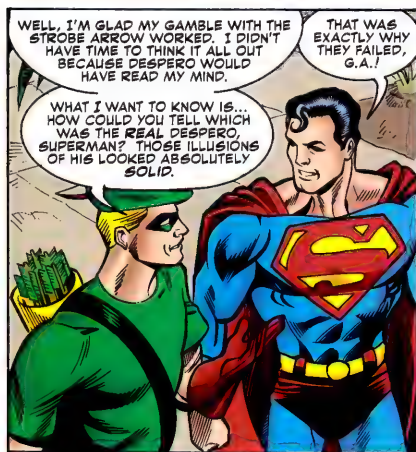
NO WAY I CAN JUST
IGNORE IT...GOTTA
TAKE A LOOK.

BUT IF SOMEONE
IS SETTING A TRAP...
YOU CAN BET I'M
WATCHING MY
STEP!







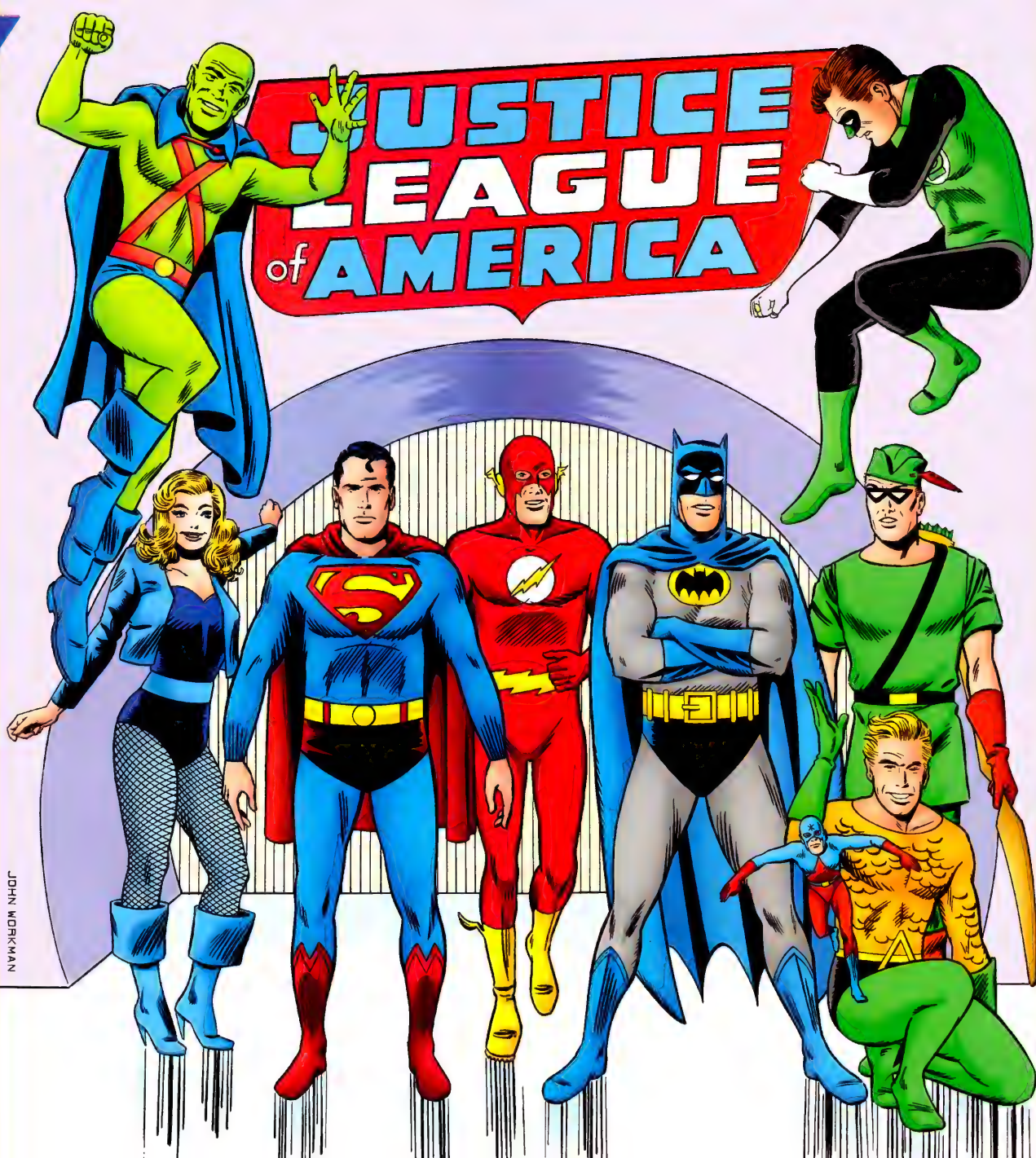


First Appearance (as team):
THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #28
 (March, 1960)
 Individual First Appearances:
The Flash SHOWCASE #4
 (September-October, 1956)
Black Canary JUSTICE LEAGUE
 OF AMERICA #75
 (November, 1969)
Aquaman MORE FUN COMICS
 #73 (November, 1941)
Martian Manhunter
 DETECTIVE COMICS #225
 (November, 1955)
Green Lantern SHOWCASE #22
 (September-October, 1959)
Superman ACTION COMICS #1
 (June, 1938)
Batman DETECTIVE COMICS
 #27 (May, 1939)
Green Arrow MORE FUN
 COMICS #73
 (November, 1941)
The Atom SHOWCASE #34
 (September, 1961)

The World's Greatest
 Super-Heroes!

The five heroes who would one day become the Justice League of America first joined forces to thwart an invasion of tyrannical alien conquerors from the faroff planet Appellax. These heroes—the Scarlet Speedster known as **THE FLASH**; the Judo mistress **BLACK CANARY**, with her ear-shattering sonic cry; **AQUAMAN**, King of the Seven Seas; J'onn J'onzz the multi-powered **MARTIAN MANHUNTER**; and the power-ring-wielding **GREEN LANTERN**—represented a new generation of super-heroic champions. Realizing the formidable strength in their numbers, those five costumed dogooders established the Secret Sanctuary, their own hidden mountain retreat and headquarters outside Happy Harbor, Rhode Island. They

JOHN WORKMAN



christened themselves the **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA**, a modern update of their costumed forebears in the Justice Society of America, who were active during World War II.

Later, the JLA's ranks grew with the addition of the Man of Steel himself, **SUPERMAN**, who had once declined membership to focus on his other considerable duties to the world. Gotham City's brilliant Caped Crusader the **BATMAN** also joined for his own secretive reasons. Then came **GREEN ARROW**, the Battling Bowman with a quiver full of trick arrows, and the **ATOM**, the Tiny Titan who packed a 180-pound punch even when he was only six inches tall!

It was with these nine defenders listed on its legendary roll call that the Justice League faced its most terrifying threat to date—an unholy union between its archfoes in the Injustice League and the mysterious space-tyrant Agamemno!

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

SECRET SANCTUARY



Hidden Entrance on Rhode Island coast

Communications Array

Hangar

Township of Happy Harbor

Computer Mainframe

Library

Kitchen

Lounge

Meeting Chamber

Laboratory

Showers

Workshop

Trophy Room

Gymnasium

Lockers

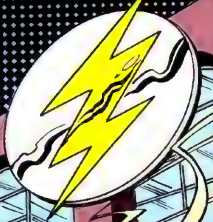
Power Plant

Entrance

Water passage to Atlantic

The original headquarters of the Justice League of America served as the model for all JLA strongholds to come. Such features as the Trophy Room (containing mementos from previous JLA adventures) and the Meeting Chamber (with its round table and trouble-scanning video monitors) are now mainstays of super-team bases.

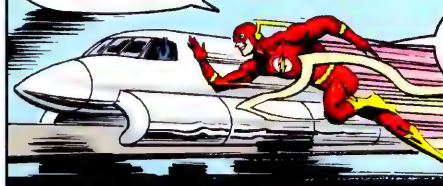
FLASH FACTS!



HI, I'M THE FLASH, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE.

WHILE I CAN OUTFRIN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING TODAY, THE FUTURE MAY HOLD SOME SPEEDY SURPRISES!

IF TRANSPORTATION EXPERTS ARE RIGHT, YOU MAY SOMEDAY BE ABLE TO COMMUTE FROM BOSTON TO NEW YORK--IN LESS THAN AN HOUR!



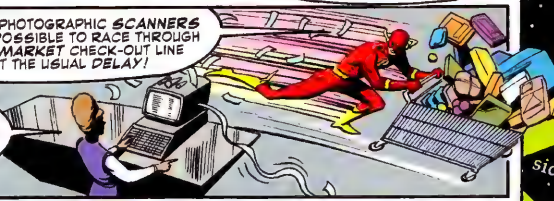
HIGH-SPEED TRAINS SUCH AS THIS WILL FLY ALONG AT FASTER THAN 300 MILES PER HOUR--AND I MEAN FLY: THESE TRAINS WON'T EVEN TOUCH THE TRACKS!

MAGNETIC LEVITATION--POWERED BY SUPERCONDUCTORS--WILL LITERALLY FLOAT THESE BABIES ABOVE THE RAILS ON CUSHIONS OF SUPERSMOOTH MAGNETIC VIBRATION!

IF WE'RE LUCKY, THE FUTURE MIGHT ALSO SPEED UP EVEN THE MORE TEDIOUS ASPECTS OF EVERYDAY LIFE!

SUPERFAST PHOTOGRAPHIC SCANNERS MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO RACE THROUGH THE SUPERMARKET CHECK-OUT LINE WITHOUT THE USUAL DELAY!

DON'T FORGET YOUR RECEIPT!



IT SEEMS TOTALLY BEYOND BELIEF, BUT COMPUTER EXPERTS PREDICT THAT IN THE FUTURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RACE ACROSS EARTH AT SPEEDS THAT WOULD MAKE ME JEALOUS--WITHOUT EVER LEAVING YOUR HOME!

revolutionists

art

electronic brain

wonder

IDEA

USING SOMETHING CALLED THE INTERNET--A GLOBAL, INTERCONNECTED NETWORK OF COMPUTERS--YOU'LL BE WHISKED TO ANY DESTINATION YOU CHOOSE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

THIS WORLDWIDE WEB OF CONNECTIONS WILL PUT A PLANET-FULL OF INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS INSTANTANEOUSLY! I'M GONNA KEEP MY LIBRARY CARD, THOUGH--JUST IN CASE!

$$\times \exp[-i\phi(\tau)] -$$

Eins

Disquing Muses

space

Ereclidean concept

everything

CLIAOS

The End

FLASH

Real Name: Barry Allen
Occupation: Police Scientist
Base of Operations: Central City
Ht: 5' 11"
Wt: 178 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blond
First Appearance: SHOWCASE
#4 (September-October,
1956)

He's the fastest man
alive!

Always late for something, Central City police scientist Barry Allen often wondered what it would be like to be the fastest man on Earth...just like his childhood hero, the legendary Flash of the Justice Society of America who defended neighboring Keystone City at supersonic speeds. Barry's musing ceased when a stray bolt of lightning struck through his laboratory window and shattered a cabinet full of chemicals right in front of him! Bathed in the weird electrified soup, Barry soon found himself moving at remarkable speeds, able to outrace gravity and sprint up the sides of buildings or even vibrate his own super-charged molecules through solid matter. Borrowing the name of his boyhood idol and fabricating a costume which he miniaturized and concealed in a special signet ring, Barry thwarted the criminal Turtle Man's attempts at grand larceny, running circles around that felon and all the rogues who followed as Central City's Scarlet Speedster, THE FLASH!





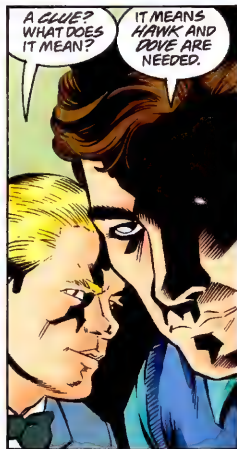
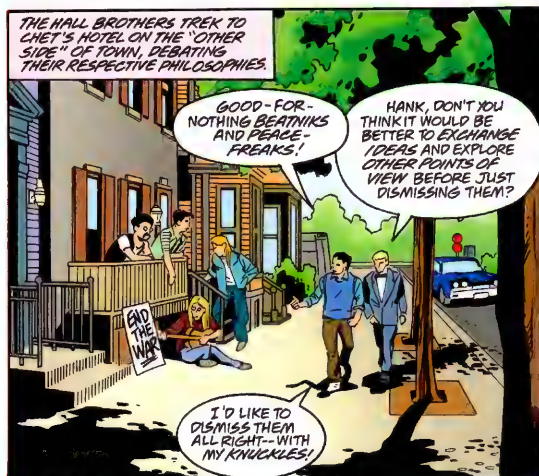
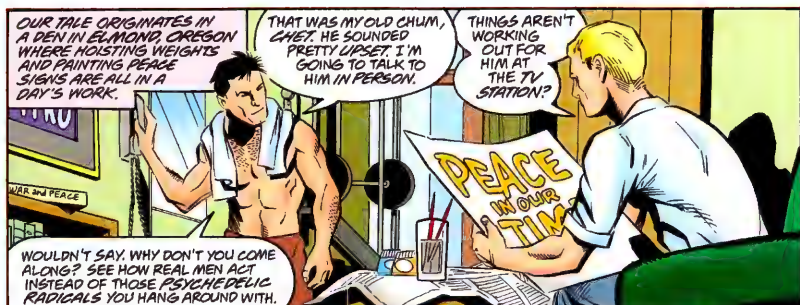
Real Name: Hal Jordan
Occupation: Test Pilot
Base of Operations: Coast City
Ht: 6' 0"
Wt: 181 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
First Appearance: SHOWCASE #22 (September-October, 1959)

In brightest day, in blackest night, no evil shall escape his sight!

Hal Jordan is a man who was literally born without fear—a trait that made him uniquely suited to his vocation as test pilot for Ferris Aircraft. Little did Hal know that his fearlessness also qualified him for other employment! When the dying alien Abin Sur crashed to Earth, his emerald power ring sought out the nearest suitable candidate to replace him as the Green Lantern of Space Sector 2814 (which includes our solar system). Both honest and fearless, Hal was an ideal candidate to take Sur's place among the Green Lantern Corps, a sort of interstellar police force created by the wise and ancient Guardians of the Universe from planet Oa.

Fueled by willpower, Hal's ring can project its green energy in any form his mind can imagine. However, once every twenty-four hours the ring must be recharged by Hal's own power battery, a miniature replica of the great Central Power Battery on Oa. The Green Lantern ring is possibly the most powerful weapon in the universe, but a necessary flaw in its manufacture makes the ring powerless over anything colored yellow. Despite this one vulnerability, Hal Jordan quickly proved to be the greatest Green Lantern ever. Let all those who worship evil's might beware his power—GREEN LANTERN's light!

GREEN LANTERN



CALLING ON THEIR NAMESAKES AS THEY DO WHENEVER
INJUSTICE IS NEAR, HANK AND DON TRANSFORM
INTO THE CHAMPIONS KNOWN AS...

HAWK!

DOVE!

WHILE HAWK SEETHES
AND RAGES, ITCHING
FOR ACTION, DOVE'S
COMPOSURE AND
FORBEARANCE
CRACKS THE CODE.

I THINK I DIG
WHAT CHET
WAS TRYING
TO SAY. MOON
AND SHINE:

MOONSHINE.
I BET HE
MEANT THAT
OLD BOOT-
LEGGERS
AIR STRIP
OUTSIDE OF
TOWN...

"...KEATES
AIRFIELD!"

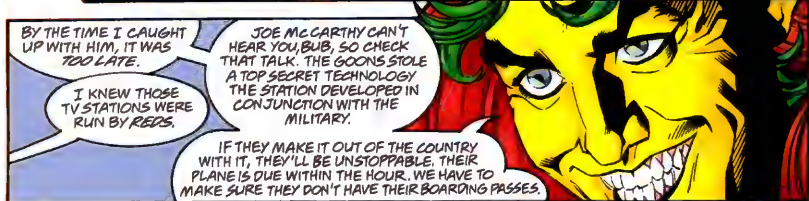
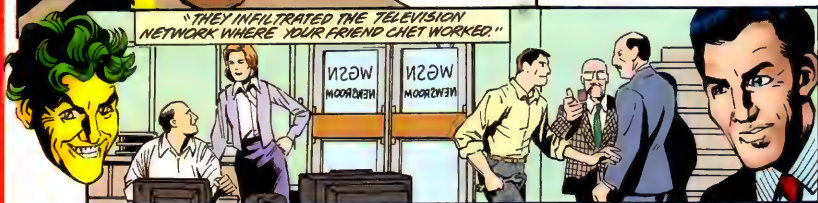
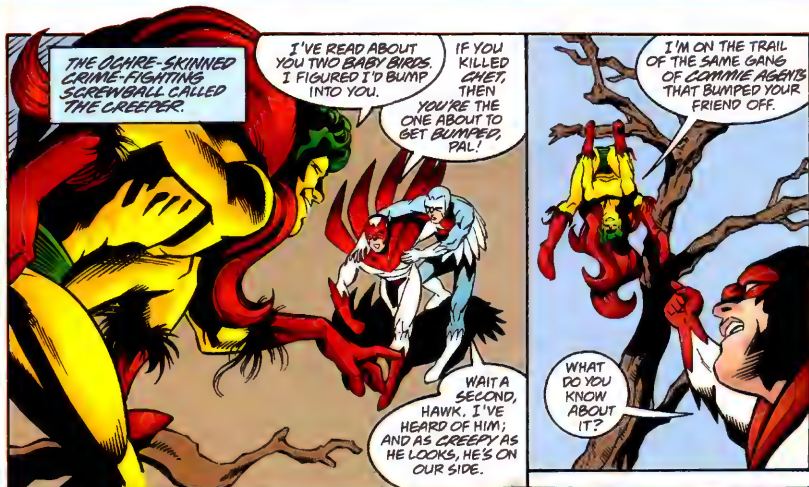
HANK, I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT THIS... I
FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY'S
WATCHING US. MAYBE
WE SHOULD CALL IN
FOR POLICE BACKUP.

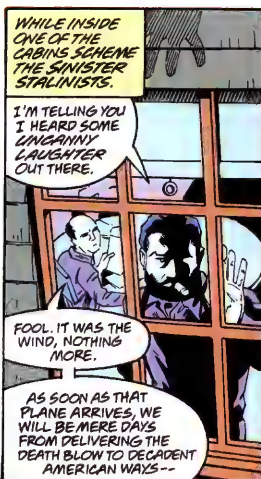
AWW, GROW
SOME GUTS; IT'S
JUST YOUR
IMAGINATION.

WHAT'S
THAT
LAUGH
--?

WHO'S THERE?

JUST YOUR
IMAGINATION.





METAL

Facts and Fancies!

Um...
ST-STARRING
THE METAL
MEN!

OSMIUM IS THE
DENSEST--AND HEAVIEST--
METAL ON EARTH--EVEN IN
SMALL AMOUNTS!

HEY! HOW
COULD THAT
SHRIMP BE
HEAVIER THAN
ALL OF US?

I DUNNO, BUT
MAYBE I DON'T
HAVE TO GO ON A
DIET AFTER ALL!

CONTRARY TO
POPULAR BELIEF,
THE MERCURY IN A
THERMOMETER IS
SILVER, NOT RED!

THE SCARLET HUE IS
PROVIDED BY COLORED
ALCOHOL, TO MAKE IT
EASIER TO READ THE
TEMPERATURE...

H-HOW MUCH
OF THAT ALCOHOL
HAVE YOU H-HAD,
MERC?

I'M TELLING
YOU, THIS IS
MY NATURAL
COLOR!

A LITTLE KNOWN METAL-FACT
IS THAT THE TIP-TOP OF THE
FAMOUS WASHINGTON
MONUMENT IN OUR NATION'S
CAPITAL IS CAST IN SOLID,
GLEAMING ALUMINUM!

THOUGH COMMON
AND INEXPENSIVE TODAY,
ALUMINUM WAS RARER AND
MORE EXPENSIVE THAN GOLD IN
THE EIGHTEEN HUNDREDS
WHEN THE MONUMENT
WAS BUILT.

LOOKS ALMOST
AS LOVELY AS...
PLATINUM!

HYDROCHLORIC ACID

TANTALUM IS
THE M-MOST
ACID-RESISTANT
M-METAL ON
EARTH!

P-PRETTY
CUTE, TOO.

DON'T GET
TOO CLOSE,
LEAD, OR YOU'LL
GET BURNED!

THE END

THE METAL MEN

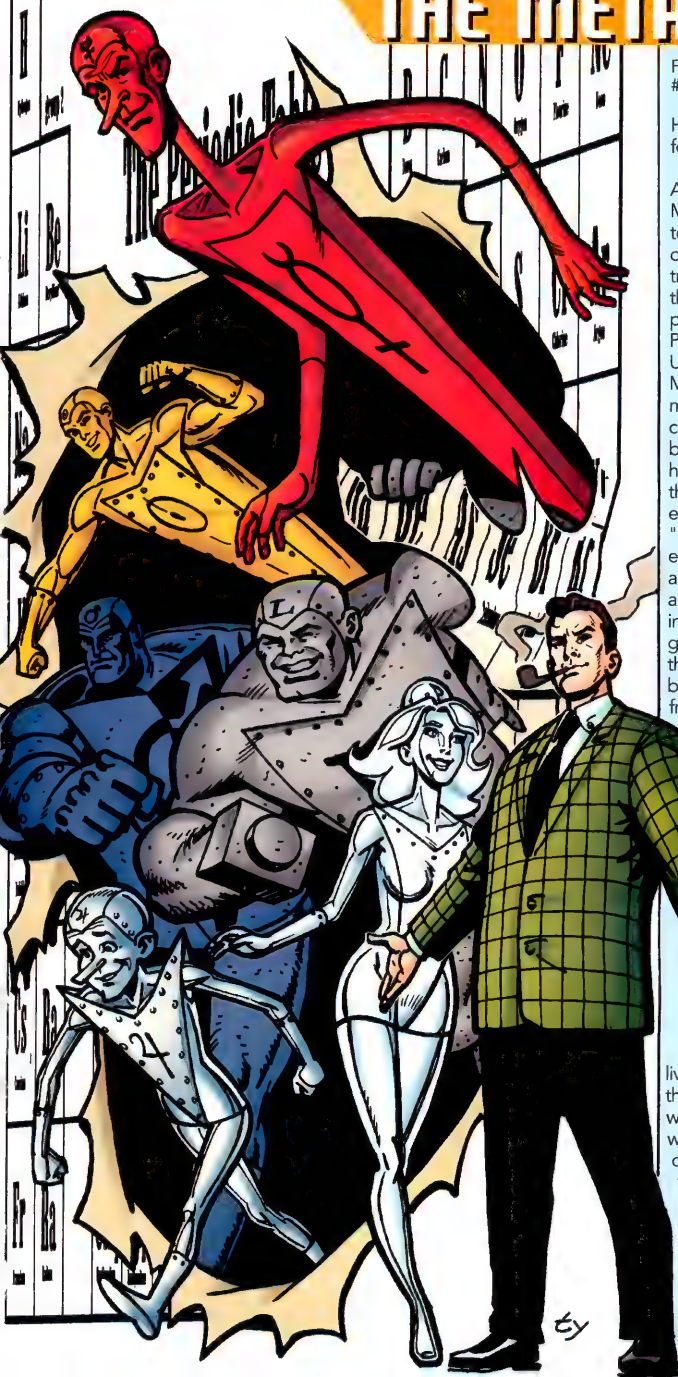
First Appearance: SHOWCASE
#37 (March-April, 1962)

Heroes forged in the fiery
foundries of science!

At first glance, the fantastic METAL MEN might appear to be mere robot facsimiles of the human form. But the truth goes far deeper than their alloy skins. While perfecting the top secret Project: Metal Man, for the U.S. Army, DR. WILL MAGNUS's robotic experiments went awry, killing his colleagues and several bystanders. But while those human bodies perished, their minds lived on inside experimental

"Responsometers" which erased their memories and animated powerful new automaton bodies. These include GOLD, the intelligent and analytical leader, the slow-witted but big-hearted LEAD, the friendly powerhouse IRON, proud and egotistical MERCURY; shy and t-timid TIN—who is perhaps bravest of them all—and the beautiful and headstrong PLATINUM, who harbors a very human crush on her "creator."

Together, the Metal Men have often given their robotic lives to spare humanity from the likes of Chemo, the walking well of chemical waste, or the explosive fury of the Missile Men! But that doesn't stop Dr. Will Magnus from salvaging their Responsometers and re-building the Metal Men each time to battle anew!



SUMMONING THE "SILVER AGE!"

--Snazzy Sketches and Classy Covers--

For many reasons, this month's exciting SILVER AGE saga is one of the most eagerly anticipated publishing events undertaken by DC Comics in years. First, SILVER AGE comprises eleven books (not to mention this very issue of SECRET FILES) that are a unique opportunity to revisit some of the most beloved characters of yesteryear. After all, how often does a creator get to handle the original Doom Patrol...or the original Teen Titans...or take a spin at the characters from DIAL "H" FOR HERO? From a design perspective, this is a rare opportunity to work with gloriously goofy cover text and bold, eye-catching logos. Most important, SILVER AGE is a chance to work with some of the luminaries who actually illustrated the classic comics that made the Silver Age a super-hero renaissance. To that end, most of the SILVER AGE covers were reserved for the legends of our medium, including Joe Kubert, Carmine Infantino, Nick Cardy, Murphy Anderson, Jim Aparo, Jim Mooney, and the late, great Gil Kane.

COVERS THAT TELL A STORY

One hallmark of Silver Age covers was how completely they conveyed a story premise or posed a tantalizing question. Several factors combined in these covers, including clever captions and word balloons, but the foundation of it all was good composition.

Carmine Infantino's sketch for his SILVER AGE: FLASH cover boiled down action and drama to their quintessential elements. The assignment was to show the story's principal characters—Flash, Kid Flash and the Elongated Man—as well as convey the fact that Flash had turned evil. Carmine nailed it in one try with this sketch (lower left) that captures the Flash's evil state in the most kinetic way, from the curvature of the Kid Flash and Elongated Man figures, down to the dynamic placement of the Flash's feet. Then there's the "wanted" poster Carmine threw in to underscore the Flash's ghastly change of heart. And what Infantino piece would be complete without one of his signature city-skyline-on-the-horizons? Tying together all these elements and providing a focal point to the piece is the circular sun in the background, heavily accentuated in the sketch state. Some of the details changed slightly as Infantino turned his sketch into finished pencils, which were then inked by Mark Farmer (lower right). But the basic compositional strong points remain to help this cover tell a story all its own.

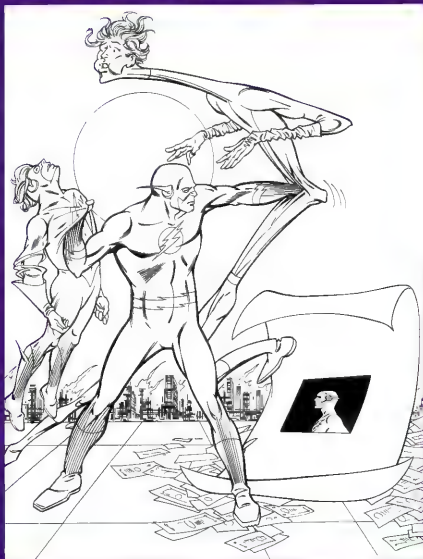
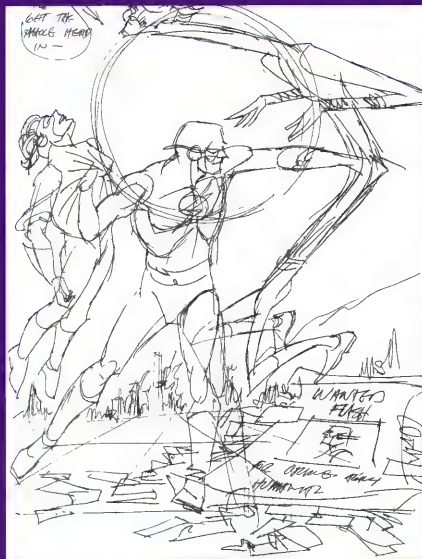


Fig 1). Carmine Infantino's original sketch

Fig 2). Mark Farmer's completed inks

Fig 3). Nick Cardy's original sketch



Fig 4). Dave Gibbons's completed inks



TWEAKING & FLOPPING

Another Silver Age master of composition is Nick Cardy. More than most, Cardy pushed the possibilities, exploring bold shapes and arrangements of figures and objects for maximum dramatic impact. For the *SILVER AGE: TEEN TITANS* cover (upper left), Cardy went for fast, sweeping action by crossing the arcs of several battling Titans and villains in the form of an "x." These crossing paths of action add up to a tornado of a fight, with the Titans clearly in command of the situation.

Of course, even when the basics are so sound, sometimes there are still little details to "tweak." In this case, Cardy pencilled Wonder Girl in a version of her costume that actually didn't arrive until after this story takes place. But when your inker is a master artist in his own right, such tweaking is never a problem. Thus, inker Dave Gibbons altered Wonder Girl's costume and hair in the final piece (upper right), while retaining the dynamism of Cardy's sketch.

For the *SILVER AGE: DIAL "H" FOR HERO* cover, former *DIAL "H"* artist Jim Mooney went for a more story-specific approach. His sketch (lower right) depicts Robby Reed, the protagonist of *DIAL "H"*, in a race against time as he struggles to work his Hero Dial before a rampaging Martian Manhunter can finish him off. However, look closely at the writing and you'll notice that it's backward. This is because after he drew the design, Mooney experimented with "flopping" it — seeing what the image looks like after it's been reversed into a mirror image. This is a common practice for artists. Often, flopping an image will reveal drawing problems that aren't otherwise apparent. In most cases, it's instructive just seeing in which direction the art reads better. To see which version of the sketch, flopped or unflopped, was finally used, you'll have to check out Karl Kesel's final inked version on *SILVER AGE: DIAL "H" FOR HERO*.



Fig 5). Jim Mooney's original sketch

LAST-MINUTE CHANGES

Sometimes, even the best planned publishing events hit unexpected snags. When it came time to pick a Silver Age artist to sketch the SILVER AGE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA cover, there was really only one choice. Murphy Anderson illustrated most of the JLA's earliest covers with a style so classical and widely imitated that he was a natural to depict the number one super-team in the DC Universe. Indeed, as Murphy's sketches started coming in, we were delighted by the many ways he found to convey the main dramatic point of the story—that the Justice leaguers, their bodies possessed by their worst enemies, were now running amok in an evil rampage.

One hilarious sketch had Superman tripping an old lady on a sidewalk while Batman stole a little girl's ice cream and Green Lantern gave a bystander the old "hotfoot" with his power ring. It perfectly captured the lovable absurdity of many Silver Age stories, as well as matching the darkly humorous tone of the story within. Another sketch showed the Leaguers making a getaway from a bank they just robbed, Superman hoisting the safe on his shoulders while Green Lantern fired back at pursuing bank guards. At the curb waits Batman, ready to speed off with a Batmobile full of loot. The sketch that SILVER AGE editor Dan Raspler decided upon (upper right) shows the Leaguers looting the jewel-encrusted throne of an alien king as their super-crime wave spreads across the stars.

Unfortunately, before Murphy could render the sketch into a finished pencilled cover, he took ill and was temporarily unable to complete the assignment. With the deadline looming, we turned to Ty Templeton, a contemporary artist with a unique appreciation of the Silver Age style. With little to go on, Templeton quickly put together a finished cover (lower left). Amazingly, he had almost replicated one of Murphy's earlier sketches without ever seeing it! Of course, Templeton brought his own comic flair to this piece. After all, nothing says "evil" like that toothpick in Batman's mouth, does it?

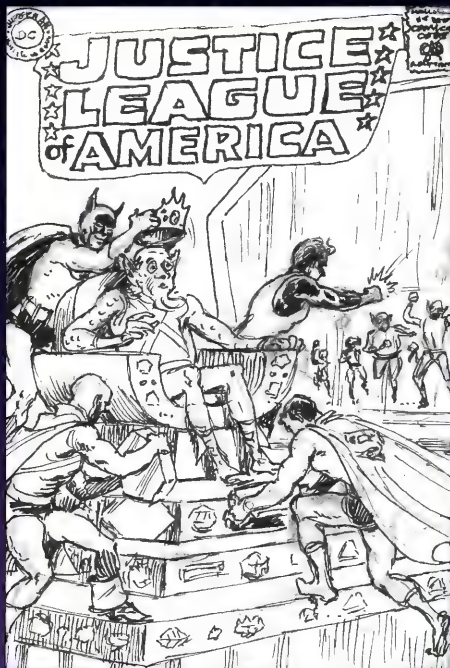


Fig 7). Ty Templeton's cover



Fig 8). Jim Aparo's original sketch

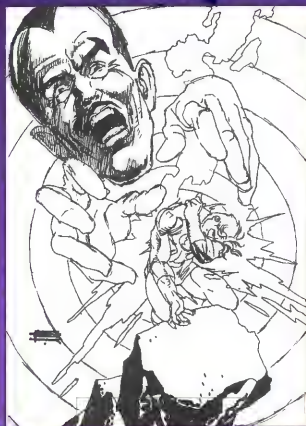


Fig 9). Gil Kane's original sketch

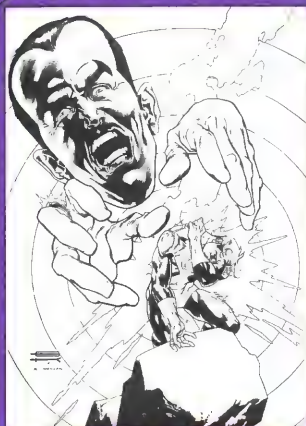


Fig 10). Kevin Nowlan's completed inks

TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY

For the **SILVER AGE: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD** cover, another DC legend was enlisted to depict Batman leading the Metal Men after Felix Faust and Catwoman. The great Jim Aparo effortlessly squeezed ten characters into one perfectly clear composition that both sets up the conflict and the question central to the story: Why is Batman so keen to have the Metal Men catch these two villains? And... say, why is Batman carrying that umbrella? Because he's had his mind swapped with the Penguin, of course! To see what inker Bill Sienkiewicz (no slouch himself in the legendary artist department) did with Aparo's sketch, you'll have to pick up a copy of **SILVER AGE: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD**.

As much of an honor as it was to work with all of the aforementioned artists, one **SILVER AGE** assignment in particular turned out to be both a blessing and a sad farewell. When the time came to assign the **SILVER AGE: GREEN LANTERN** cover, the clear and only choice was Gil Kane. As the designer of the Silver Age Green Lantern and Silver Age Atom (two of the very best costume designs of all time) Gil was an inspiration to practically every comics artist since the 1950s. His incredibly dynamic yet singularly graceful figures had a far-reaching impact on the overall approach to super-hero comics. And, beyond the super-hero mainstream, Gil experimented with other story genres and formats that were way ahead of their time.

For this **GREEN LANTERN** cover (middle left), Gil chose a more abstract approach showing a battered Hal Jordan succumbing to the menace of his archenemy, Sinestro. With Sinestro's hands gesturing like a puppet master and with the concentric circles in background centering on Green Lantern, Gil masterfully keeps the focus on our hero despite the incredibly dramatic giant face looming over him. Gil himself requested inker Kevin Nowlan, with whom he had enjoyed an ongoing collaboration that brought out the best in both men's work. Nowlan's finished inks (lower left) heighten the drama of the double-lighting on Sinestro's face, as well as fulfilling the gnarled intensity of Hal's and Sinestro's hands. Note how Nowlan also added a power ring to Sinestro's hand, but it's a Green Lantern power ring on white-gloved hands, inferring the way Sinestro and Hal swap places in the story itself. Clearly, this is among the very strongest of a memorable set of covers.

Sadly, this cover was to be among Gil's final works. Not long after this cover was completed, we were greatly saddened to learn that Gil Kane had passed away. Yet he lived a rich life filled with the kinds of accomplishments that most of us only ever dream of. We'll always remember Gil's warm voice and enthusiasm—the chummy way he called every editor “my boy,” making anyone who worked with him feel like a million bucks. And though we've lost Gil, his work and the fundamental contributions he made to our medium live on. It was an honor to have his help in reminding the world why the rebirth of super-hero comics in the late fifties and early sixties is reverently looked back on as the Silver Age.

First Appearance: SHOWCASE
#6 (January-February, 1957)

Four men living on
borrowed time!

ROCKY DAVIS—
Heavyweight Boxing
Champ and World Class
Wrestler! **PROF**
HALEY—Deep Sea Diver
and Scientific Genius!
ACE MORGAN—Crack
Jet Pilot! **RED RYAN**—
Heroic Mountaineer and
Daredevil Showman!
These four adventurers,
once complete strangers
to one another, escaped
certain death when the
plane carrying them fell
from the sky with
disastrous results. Each
survived the crash with
nary a scratch, although
their watches had all
stopped at the exact
same moment!
Dedicating their second
chances at life to high
adventure, Rocky, Prof,
Ace and Red pooled
their unique skills to
become the **CHAL-
LENGERS OF THE
UNKNOWN**.

From their high-tech
Challengers Mountain
base inside the extinct
volcanic crater of
Wyoming's Devil's Tower,
the Challengers have
defended Earth from
extraterrestrial threats
and bested such men-
aces as the evil Multi-
Man and the bizarre
Legion of the Weird.
They may live on
borrowed time, but the
Challengers use each
minute fate granted
them to the absolute
fullest!

CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

DIAL "H" FOR HERO

Real Name: Robby Reed
Occupation: Student
Base of Operations:
Littleville, Colorado
Ht: 5' 2"
Wt: 120 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blond
First Appearance: HOUSE OF
MYSTERY #156 (January,
1966)

Sockamamee! ROBBY REED is the boy who can change into 1,000 super-heroes, or more!

When evil Thunderbolt terrorists descended upon helpless Littleville, Colorado, Robby inadvertently fell into a hidden cavern while hurrying to find help. Inside that subterranean chamber, Robby discovered a mysterious dial covered with strange alien symbols, characters that the studious teen later deduced to actually be Interlac, an interstellar language! Robby then translated the dial's symbols into 10 letters of the alphabet: A-D-E-H-I-L-N-R-O-V. As the Thunderbolt gang attacked once more, the precocious boy found himself dialing the only word appropriate for the dire emergency:

H-E-R-O. Suddenly transformed and imbued with awesome powers, Robby learned that he could become a totally NEW super-hero with each turn of the H-dial! From Astro, Man of Space, to Velocity Kid, Master of Speed, Robby is very rarely if ever the same hero twice when he's forced to DIAL "H" FOR HERO!



Exclusive to the
LITTLEVILLE HIGH CLARION
THE SECRET OF THE H-DIAL
by SUSAN SHOEMAKER

Of late, the staid, sleepy burg of Littleville has been overrun with mysterious super-heroes. Who are they? Where do they come from?

Would it shock you to learn that one Littleville High Sophomore holds the answers quite literally in his hand?

That's right. With the whirl of a strange dial, an ordinary teenager in our midst secretly becomes these super-heroes - adopting new identities one after the other in order to save our small town from whatever perils besiege it.

Make sure you watch them. These costumed crime-fighters have something else in common.

They smile.

They grin, each and every one of them, because the boy inside them says he knows what it's like to transform how exciting it is to become something new in a town where nothing ever changes.

If you don't believe me, just ask him. Just ask...





"...JUST ASK ROBBY REED!"

SUZY, THIS IS BLACKMAIL! YOU CAN'T RUN THIS STORY!

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?!



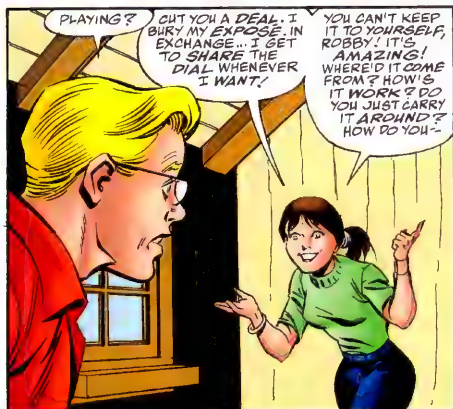
COME ON, ROBBY! I USED THE DIAL ONCE MYSELF, REMEMBER?

BUT YOU... YOU BUMPED YOUR HEAD AFTERWARDS... LOST YOUR MEMORY.

OH, PLEASE, MR. BOY GENIUS! PEOPLE DON'T GET AMNESIA FROM A WHACK ON THE BRAIN-CASE!

I WAS FAKING... BECAUSE I WANT TO KEEP PLAYING!

*HOUSE OF MYSTERY #16A.--EDITOR.



PLAYING?

BUT YOU A DEAL. I BURY MY EXPOSE. IN EXCHANGE... I GET TO SHARE THE DIAL WHENEVER I WANT!

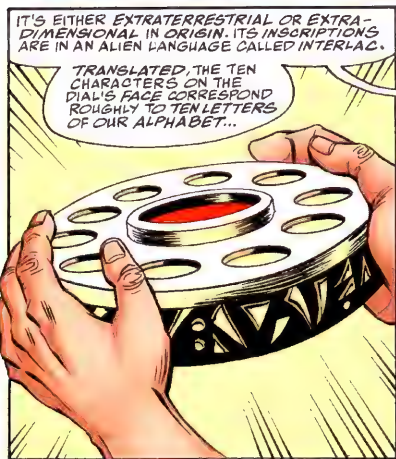
YOU CAN'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF, ROBBY! IT'S AMAZING! WHERE'D IT COME FROM? HOW'S IT WORK? DO YOU JUST CARRY IT AROUND? HOW DO YOU--



SIGH! IF YOU KNOW, YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW IT ALL!

I FOUND IT IN A CAVE. NO TELLING HOW IT GOT THERE. NOTHING ELSE AROUND TO GIVE ME A CLUE.

NOW I HIDE IT BEHIND THIS WALL PANEL IN MY LAB. SO NO ONE TAKES IT FROM ME!



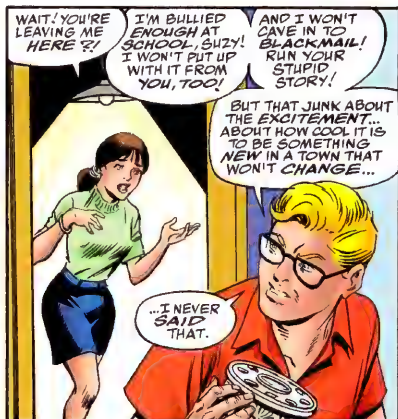
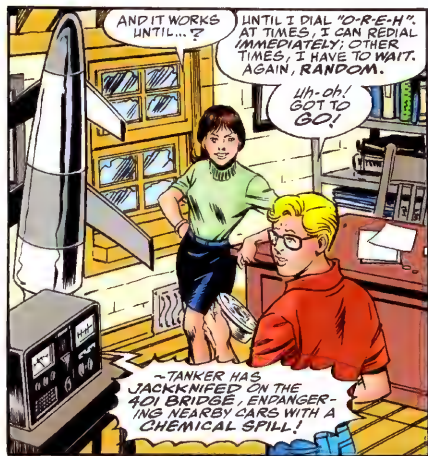
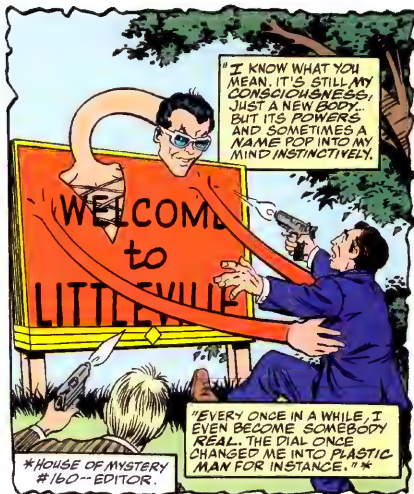
IT'S EITHER EXTRATERRESTRIAL OR EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL IN ORIGIN. ITS INSCRIPTIONS ARE IN AN ALIEN LANGUAGE CALLED INTERLAC.

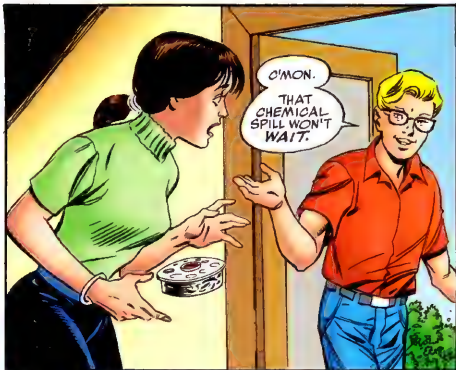
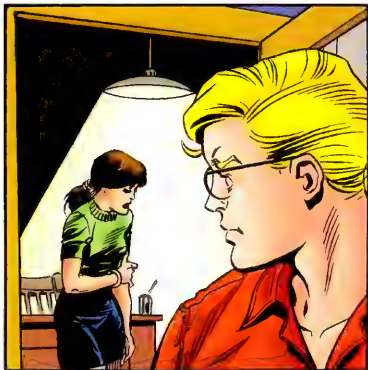
TRANSLATED, THE TEN CHARACTERS ON THE DIAL'S FACE CORRESPOND ROUGHLY TO TEN LETTERS OF OUR ALPHABET...



...LETTERS, THAT WHEN DIALED, CHANGE ME INTO WHATEVER THEY SPELL. SO FAR, I'VE ONLY DIALED H-E-R-O...

...THOUGH IT'S POSSIBLE TO DIAL "V-I-L-L-A-I-N"... OR THEORETICALLY, A BUNCH OF OTHER WORDS!







First Appearance (as team):
SILVER AGE #1 (July, 2000)
Individual First Appearances:
Lex Luthor ACTION COMICS #23
(April, 1940)
Penguin DETECTIVE COMICS #58
(December, 1941)
Catwoman BATMAN #1
(Spring, 1940)
Mr. Element SHOWCASE #13
(March-April, 1958)
Black Manta AQUAMAN #35
(September-October, 1967)
Dr. Light JUSTICE LEAGUE OF
AMERICA #12 (June, 1962)
Sinestro GREEN LANTERN (2nd
Series) #7 (July-August, 1961)
Chronos THE ATOM #3
(October-November, 1962)
Felix Faust JUSTICE LEAGUE OF
AMERICA #10 (March, 1962)

Rogues rotten to the core!

In order to bring his nefarious schemes to frightful fruition, the otherworldly Agamemno recruits nine villains with grudges against the Justice League of America and a desire for world domination. Among Agamemno's poison picks are some of the most diabolical foes ever assembled, including the menacing mogul of Metropolis, LEX LUTHOR, constant thorn in Superman's side; the criminal jailbird known as THE PENGUIN and feline fatale CATWOMAN, frequent foes of the Batman; MR. ELEMENT, a member of the Flash's insidious "Rogues Gallery"; BLACK MANTA, an undersea pirate and scourge of the seven seas Aquaman has sworn to protect; DR. LIGHT, whose very name evokes his weapon of choice; SINESTRO, wielder of a powerful yellow power ring against the Green Lantern Corps which once counted him as one of their own; CHRONOS, the self-styled "Time Thief" and nemesis of the Atom; and FELIX FAUST, sinister sorcerer with his own vile vendetta against the JLA! Together, this new Injustice League might very well spell Earth's doom!

INJUSTICE LEAGUE

DOOM PATROL

First Appearance: MY
GREATEST ADVENTURE #80
(June, 1963)

The world's STRANGEST
heroes!

Victims of a cruel and fantastic fate, the members of the Doom Patrol believed themselves outcasts until wheelchairbound scientist Niles (THE CHIEF) Caulder gave their pitiful lives new meaning.

When a fiery race-car crash destroyed Cliff Steele's human body, his still-living brain was transplanted into a metal robotic body.

Dubbed ROBOTMAN, he used his new mechanical strength and toughness to fight evil, all the while longing for the human senses he had forever lost.

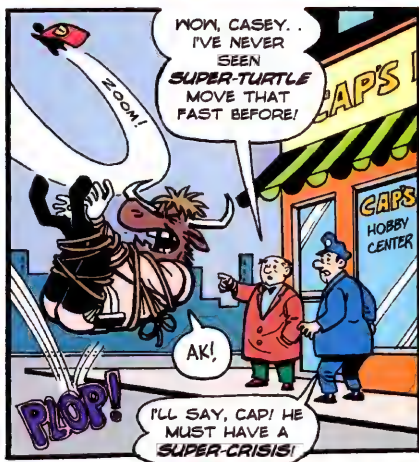
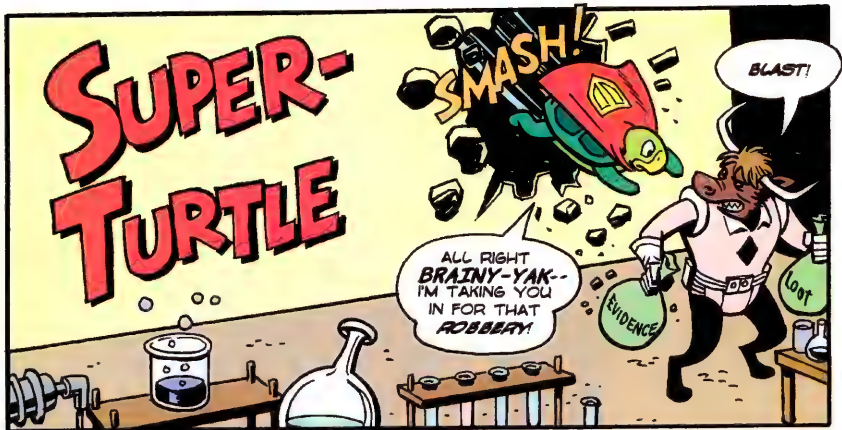
Starlet Rita Farr's Hollywood career ended when she inhaled strange underground vapors while filming at an exotic South American locale, but the remarkable size-changing powers Farr gained cast her in a brand-new role as ELASTI-GIRL.

Overexposure to stratospheric radiation left rocket-plane test pilot Larry Trainor swaddled in specially-treated bandages. But the same mishap that kept his face forever hidden from the world also allowed him to briefly release from within himself a strange, powerful "negative energy" being that would do his bidding.

Though he was, in some ways, the most powerful member of the Doom Patrol, NEGATIVE MAN could exercise this power for no more than sixty seconds at a time.

Though regarded as freaks by the general public, the Doom Patrol selflessly battled all manner of villainy, from the insidious Brotherhood of Evil to the corpulent alien Garguax





BRIAN TEMPLETOFF

First Appearance (as team):
SILVER AGE: SHOWCASE #1
 (July, 2000)
 Individual First
 Appearances:
Adam Strange SHOWCASE
 #17 (December, 1958)
Batgirl DETECTIVE COMICS
 #359 (January, 1967)
Blackhawk MILITARY COMICS
 #1 (August, 1941)
Deadman STRANGE
 ADVENTURES #205
 (September, 1967)
Mento DOOM PATROL #91
 (March, 1965)
Metamorpho THE BRAVE
 AND THE BOLD #57
 (December 1964-
 January 1965)
Shining Knight II SILVER
 AGE: SHOWCASE #1 (July,
 2000)

New heroes for a new age!

As the extraterrestrial evil
 of Agamemno threatened
 an unsuspecting Earth,
 even the World's Greatest
 Super-Heroes seemed
 insufficient to stop him!
 Thus, a new group of
 heroes was assembled by
 Deadman during the uni-
 verse's darkest hour to fight
 for galactic freedom!
 These **SEVEN SOLDIERS
 OF VICTORY** included:

ADAM STRANGE
 Teleported across the
 galaxy by the mysterious
 Zeta Beam, Earthman
 Adam Strange is the planet
 Rann's greatest champion,
 using his wits and courage
 to defend his adopted
 world and beloved Alanna
 from all manner of
 formidable foes!

BATGIRL
 Unbeknownst to her police
 commissioner father, the
 copper-tressed Barbara
 Gordon does her part to
 keep Gotham City safe in
 her guise as the vigilante
 Batgirl, a frequent and
 invaluable aide to the
 Dynamic Duo of Batman
 and Robin!



BLACKHAWK
 During the Second World
 War, Janos Prohaska led the
 high-flying freedom fighters
 known as the Blackhawks.
 The times and planes may
 have changed, but
 Blackhawk remains devoted to
 life and liberty!

DEADMAN
 Murdered circus aerialist
 Boston Brand lives on as
 the ghostly Deadman,
 "haunting" the bodies of
 others to do good in the
 name of the mysterious spir-
 it Rama Kushna!

MENTO
 The world's fifth-richest
 man, brilliant billionaire
 Steve Dayton fights crime
 with his mind-bending
 Mento helmet...JUST to
 impress his one true love,
 the Doom Patrol's beautiful
 Elasti-Girl!

METAMORPHO
 His body mutated by the
 fabled Orb of Ra, adventur-
 er Rex Mason is a living
 Periodic Table. Capable of
 transforming into myriad
 elements, chemicals and
 compounds, Mason fights
 the good fight as
 Metamorpho, the Element
 Man!

SHINING KNIGHT II
 With atomic-powered armor
 and a blazing sword, soldier
 Gardner Grayle battles
 injustice with honor and
 nobility as the all-new
 Shining Knight!



SEVEN SOLDIERS OF VICTORY

First Appearance (as team):
THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #54
(June-July, 1964)
Individual First Appearances:
Robin DETECTIVE COMICS #38
(July, 1939)
Kid Flash FLASH (1st series)
#110 (December, 1959-
January 1960)
Aqualad ADVENTURE COMICS
#269 (February, 1960)
Wonder Girl THE BRAVE AND
THE BOLD #60 (June-July,
1965)
Speedy MORE FUN COMICS
#73 (November, 1941)

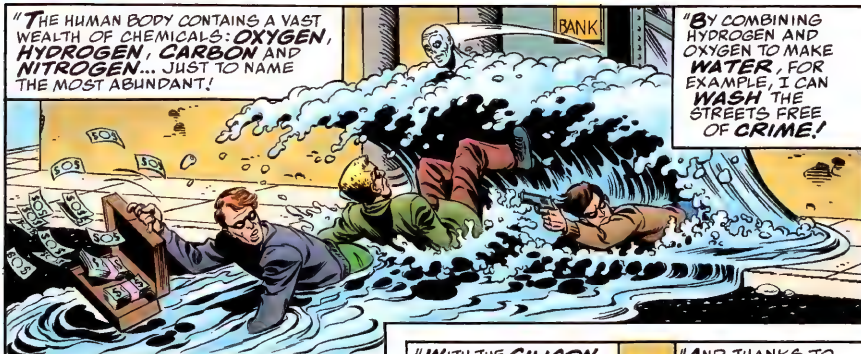
Dig this crazy teen scene!

When an evil extra-dimensional being called the Antithesis forced members of the Justice League of America to commit crimes against their will, several of the League members' youthful partners teamed together to free their mentors from the alien's terrible thrall. Among these teenage heroes were the world's last hope against a JLA gone bad. The Batman's crime-fighting comrade, **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER**, was a junior detective whose pugnacious puns were nearly as devastating as his one-two punch. Alongside him were **KID FLASH**, the Scarlet Speedster's cyclone sidekick, **AQUALAD**, water-breathing ward of Aquaman, and **WONDER GIRL**, who was gifted with the powers of the Titans of Greek myth. They were occasionally joined on subsequent adventures by **SPEEDY**, the partner of the Green Arrow with an eagle eye for archery and the young ladies. Together, these five **TEEN TITANS** went on to share adventures that would make any Justice Leaguer proud!



TEEN TITANS

METAMORPHO'S CHEMICAL CURIOSITIES!



AGAMEMNO

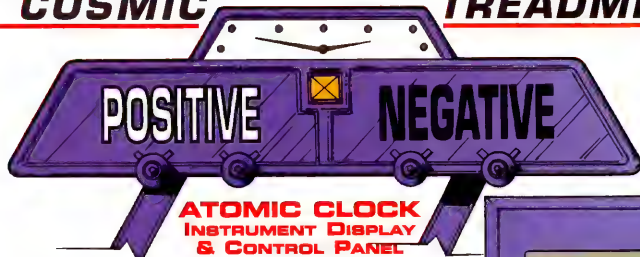
Real Name:
Unpronounceable
Occupation: Would-Be
Universe Conqueror
Base of Operations: Mobile
Ht: Variable
Wt: Variable
Eyes: Variable
Hair: None
First Appearance:
SILVER AGE #1 (July, 2000)

An evil older than time itself!

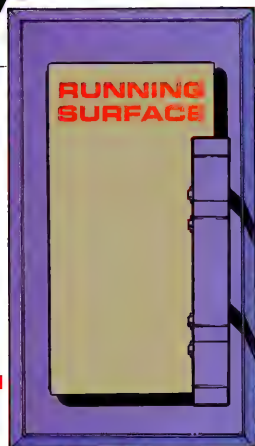
Grandchild of the "Big Bang," the explosion of the primal atom which created the universe, AGAMEMNO is the son of the very earliest sentient life born forth out of the expanding cosmos. This cosmic conqueror wants nothing less than to control the entire universe! But standing in Agamemno's way is his own father, self-styled ruler of all creation who would obliterate his offspring to maintain a steely grip on the myriad stars and planets.

Fleeing his father's assassins, Agamemno journeyed across time and space in search of the one weapon that would give him the power to accomplish his goal. Traveling from star to star as pure, sentient energy, he can imbue whatever nonliving matter he encounters with his essence, animating his surroundings into new and ever-changing bodies. Thus has Agamemno scoured the galaxy in a host of forms and guises, seeking out three objects of power which, when combined into a super-weapon, will realize his goals of universal dominion! Unfortunately for the tyrannical Agamemno, the Justice League of America might have something to say about that!





SIDE VIEW

LOW-FRICTION
GEARS

TOP VIEW

Invented by police scientist Barry (the Flash) Allen, the Cosmic Treadmill is powered by the constant barrage of cosmic rays cascading through Earth's atmosphere. This celestial energy, combined with the Scarlet Speedster's own vaunted velocity, enables the Flash to travel through time!



In coordination with protonic pulses from its atomic clock, the treadmill releases "positive radiation" when moving forward at super-speed, projecting Flash into the future.

Backward motion emits "negative radiation" which sends Flash into the past.

In order to return through the timestream back to his point of origin, Flash needs only relax the high-frequency vibrations the treadmill creates within him.

YEARS AGO, EARTH WAS TERRORIZED BY A GALACTIC TYRANT WHOSE SUPER-WEAPON THREATENED TO SHAKE THE FOUNDATION OF THE VERY COSMOS ITSELF!

IT TOOK THE COMBINED FORCES OF ALL EARTH'S SUPER-HEROES TO DEFEAT HIM IN A TUMULTUOUS BATTLE--AND AT A SHOCKING COST--THAT HAS NEVER BEEN REVEALED--



JOIN US FOR THE GREATEST UNTOLD ADVENTURE IN THE ANNALS OF DC HISTORY! GRAB YOUR SCORECARDS--PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE PLAYERS IN OUR DRAMA--AND SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHO ARE THE TRUE...

PAWNS of the INVINCIBLE IMMORTAL!

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FROM BEYOND THE VEIL OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, A METEOR...OR RATHER, SOMETHING AKIN TO ONE...KNIFES TOWARDS NORTH AMERICA'S EAST COAST WITH CALCULATED PRECISION!

THE MEN ABOARD THE CABIN CRUISER AT GROUND ZERO ARE UNPREPARED FOR ITS SUDDEN IMPACT--

HOLY--!
HANG ON!

WHAT WAS THAT?

--AND EVEN MORE STARTLED BY THAT WHICH EMERGES FROM IT!

YOU GOT ME, PAL--
BUT WHATEVER IT IS,
IT'S COMIN' THIS
WAY! GO WARN THE
BOSS!

WE'RE UNDER
ATTACK BY--BY
SOMETHIN'!

--AND SHAPING IT INTO A
MOST TERRIBLE FORM!

BEFORE ITS ATTACKERS CAN
RUN, THE WEIRD WATER-
CREATURE TRANSMOGRIFIES
ONCE AGAIN--BRINGING TO
LIFE THE VERY WOOD OF
THE SHIP--

INCREDIBLE!
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT IS...
BUT LET'S HOPE
IT CAN BE
REASONED
WITH!

MAY
I HELP
YOU...?

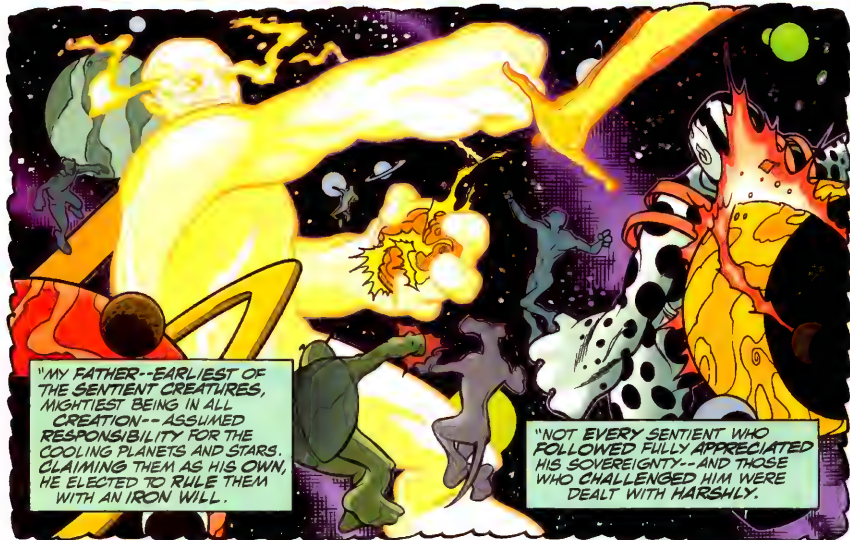


WE MAY HELP EACH OTHER...FOR I HAVE TRAVELED LONG AND FAR TO MEET YOU.

AND YOU ARE...?

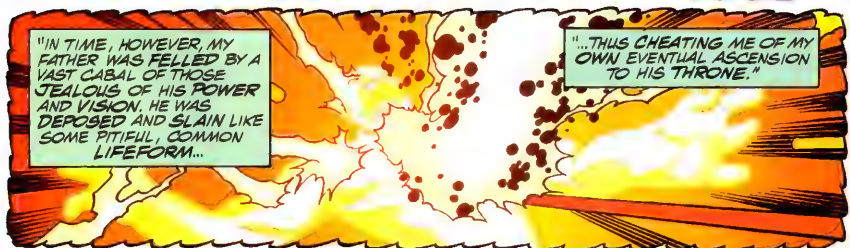


"MY NAME IS AGAMEMNO, AND I AM NEAR AS OLD AS TIME ITSELF... A GRANDCHILD OF WHAT YOU EARTHLINGS CALL 'THE BIG BANG.'"



"MY FATHER--EARLIEST OF THE SENTIENT CREATURES, MIGHTIEST BEING IN ALL CREATION-- ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COOLING PLANETS AND STARS, CLAIMING THEM AS HIS OWN, HE ELECTED TO RULE THEM WITH AN IRON WILL."

"NOT EVERY SENTIENT WHO FOLLOWED FULLY APPRECIATED HIS SOVEREIGNTY-- AND THOSE WHO CHALLENGED HIM WERE DEALT WITH HARSHLY."



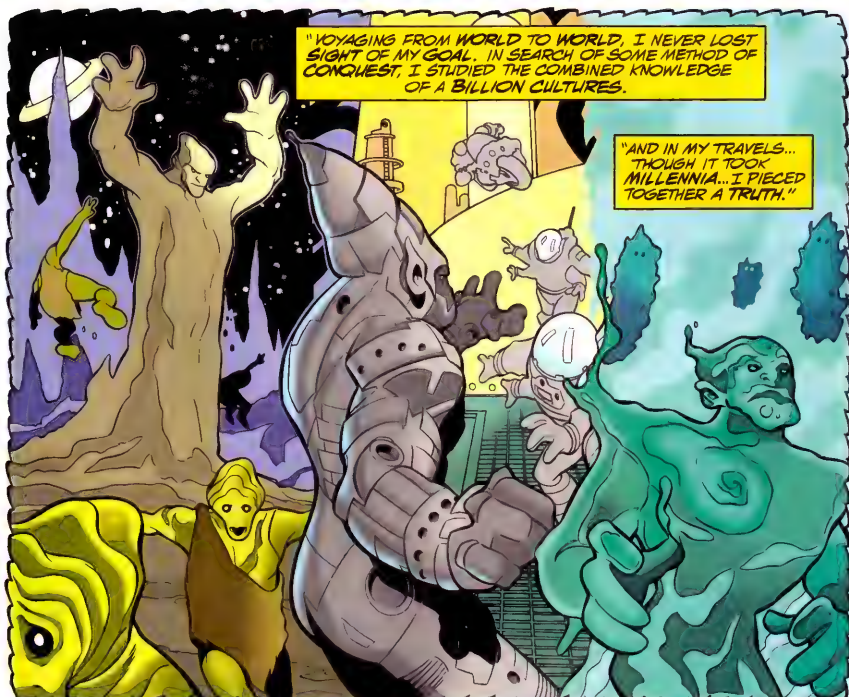
"IN TIME, HOWEVER, MY FATHER WAS FELLED BY A VAST CABAL OF THOSE JEALOUS OF HIS POWER AND VISION. HE WAS DEPOSED AND SLAIN LIKE SOME PITIFUL, COMMON LIFEFORM..."

"...THUS CHEATING ME OF MY OWN EVENTUAL ASCENSION TO HIS THRONE."



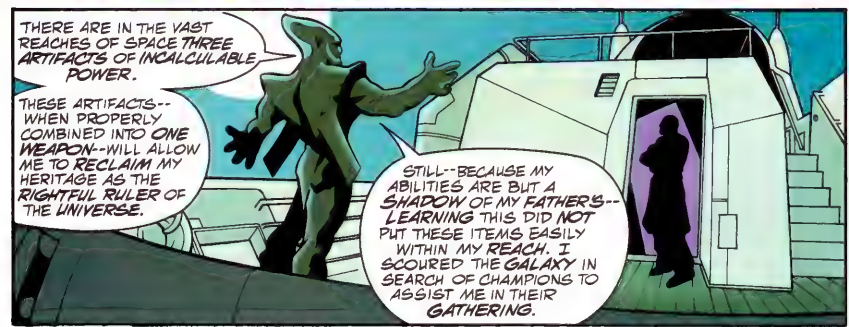
"I FLED FROM MY FATHER'S
ASSASSINS VOWING
REVENGE, HAVING LONG
SINCE EVOLVED BEYOND
MY CORPOREAL FORM,
I EXISTED PRIMARILY
AS A MENTAL ESSENCE...

"...CAPABLE OF TRANSFERRING
MY LIFESELF INTO NONLIVING
MATTER, SHAPING BODIES
TO SUIT MY WHIMS.



"VOYAGING FROM WORLD TO WORLD, I NEVER LOST
SIGHT OF MY GOAL. IN SEARCH OF SOME METHOD OF
CONQUEST, I STUDIED THE COMBINED KNOWLEDGE
OF A BILLION CULTURES.

"AND IN MY TRAVELS...
THOUGH IT TOOK
MILLENNIA... I PIECED
TOGETHER A TRUTH."



THERE ARE IN THE VAST
REACHES OF SPACE THREE
ARTIFACTS OF INCALCULABLE
POWER.

THESE ARTIFACTS--
WHEN PROPERLY
COMBINED INTO ONE
WEAPON--WILL ALLOW
ME TO RECLAIM MY
HERITAGE AS THE
RIGHTFUL RULER OF
THE UNIVERSE.

STILL--BECAUSE MY
ABILITIES ARE BUT A
SHADOW OF MY FATHERS--
LEARNING THIS DID NOT
PUT THESE ITEMS EASILY
WITHIN MY REACH. I
SCoured THE GALAXY IN
SEARCH OF CHAMPIONS TO
ASSIST ME IN THEIR
GATHERING.

"TO THAT END, I CAME ACROSS A BAND OF EARTHLINGS CALLED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE. THOUGH TEMPORARILY TRAPPED ON A WORLD NOT THEIR OWN, THEY NONETHELESS EXHIBITED A COMBINATION OF POWER AND PERSISTENCE I KNEW WOULD SERVE ME WELL.

"MOREOVER, AMONG THEM EXIST TIES TO TWO OF THE ARTIFACTS I SEEK. ALL IN ALL, THEY SEEMED TO BE THE PERFECT AGENTS...

"...UNTIL A BRIEF MINDSCAN ASSURED ME THAT THEY WOULD NO DOUBT OPPOSE MY ULTIMATE GALACTIC CONQUEST.

"LUCKILY, THAT SAME SCAN REVEALED TO ME THE EXISTENCE OF SIMILAR BEINGS... LESS WEDDED TO ALTRUISM, SHALL WE SAY..."

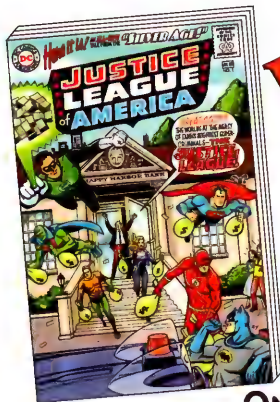
...CHIEF AMONG THEM YOU AS ONE WHOSE VALUE SYSTEM MOST CLOSELY MIRRORS MY OWN. AND WHILE NONE OF YOU YET HAVE THE POWER NEEDED TO CLAIM THE ARTIFACTS UNDER MY GUIDANCE... THAT CAN BE FIXED.

THE VASTNESS OF MY MIND-ESSENCE LIMITS ITS TRANSFER INTO NONLIVING MATTER ONLY. WITH HUMAN MINDS, HOWEVER, I CAN BE... MORE EFFECTIVE.

I SENSE YOU ALREADY SUSPECT WHAT THAT SUGGESTS. THUS, MY OFFER: BRING TO ME AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF THOSE SYMPATHETIC TO MY CAUSE... HELP ME GATHER THE THREE ARTIFACTS...

...AND IN EXCHANGE, I OFFER YOU NOT ONLY THE CHANCE TO ELIMINATE YOUR ENEMIES IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...

...BUT I PROMISE YOU EARTH ITSELF IN COMPENSATION. WHAT SAY YOU?

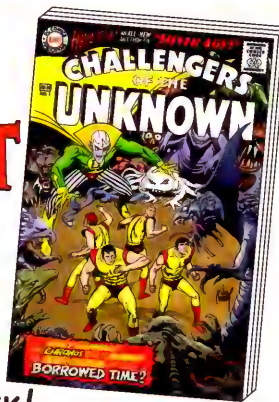


For THE
VERY
BEST



in COMICS
READING

ON SALE NEXT WEEK!



PAWNS of the INVINCIBLE IMMORTAL! PART TWO

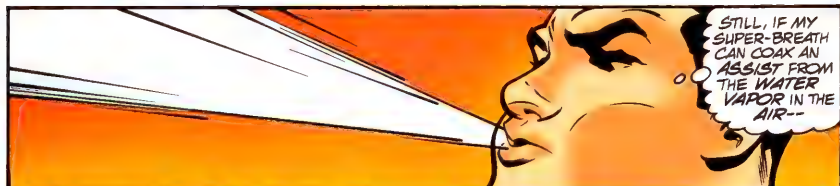
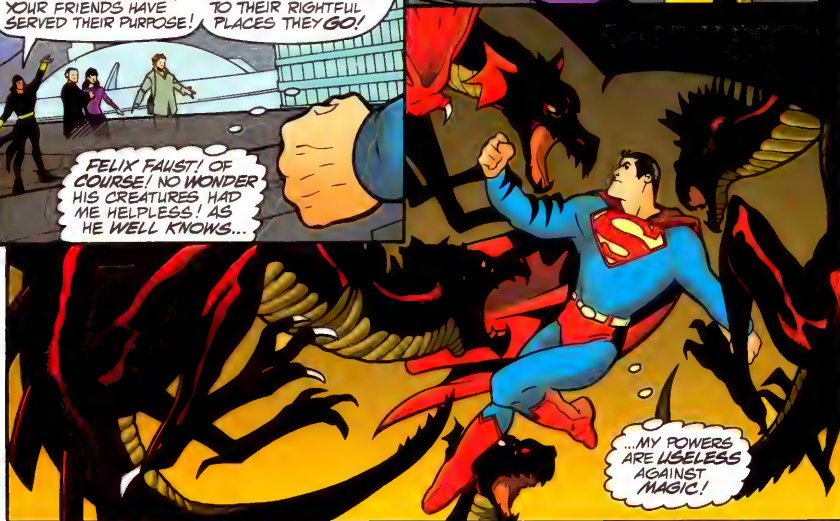
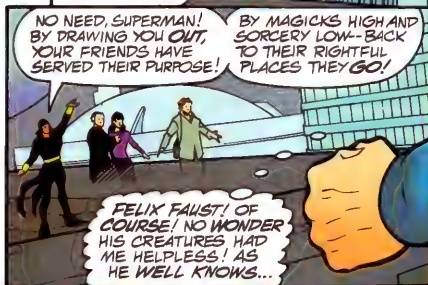
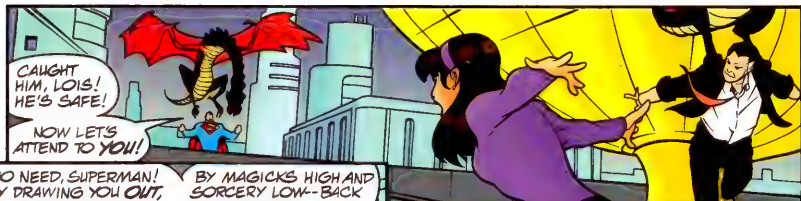
HIGH ABOVE THE STREETS OF METROPOLIS, A MACABRE CHANT THICKENS THE AIR...



MEANWHILE, IN THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY PLANET BELOW, CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT FILES HIS LATEST STORY...



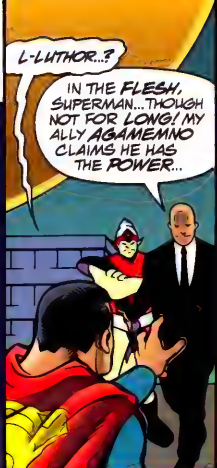






AAAARGH!

AN OLD
FRIEND
OF YOURS,
ACTUALLY!
IN FACT--
I THINK
HE WANTS
TO SAY
HELLO!



L-LUTHOR...?

IN THE FLESH,
SUPERMAN...THOUGH
NOT FOR LONG! MY
ALLY AGAMENNO
CLAIMS HE HAS
THE POWER...

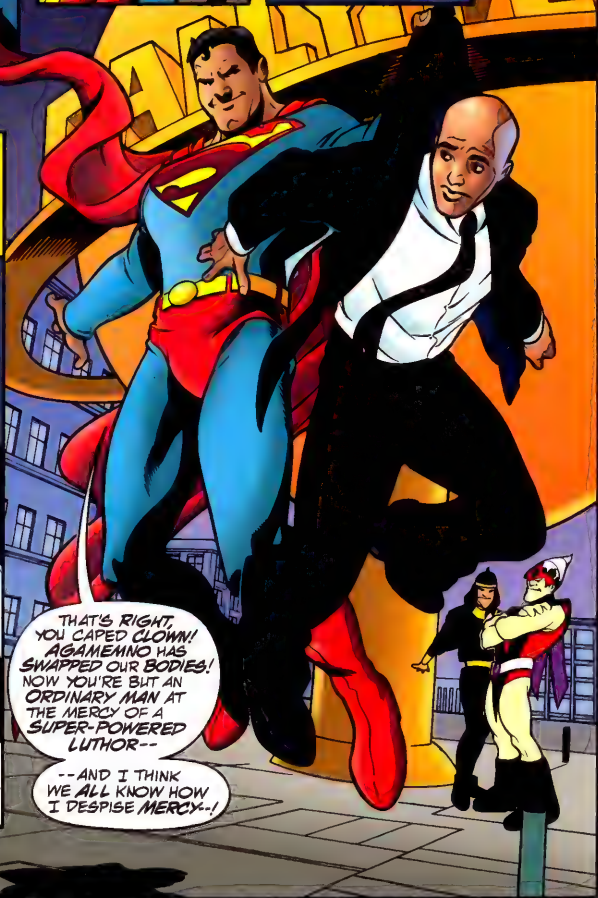


...TO GIVE
ME A VERY
SPECIAL
GIFT!



FOR A MOMENT,
THE WORLD
SWIRLS AROUND
THE METROPOLIS
MARVEL--AND
ONCE IT
SETTLES--

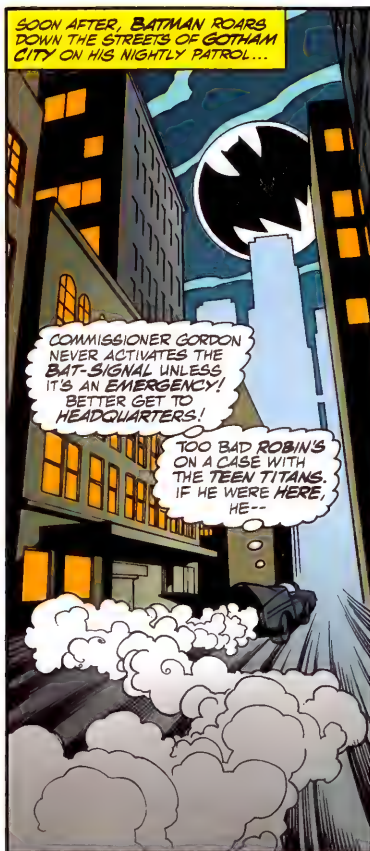
CONFUSED,
SUPERMAN?
GET YOURSELF A
MIRROR! THAT'LL
CLEAR IT UP!



THAT'S RIGHT,
YOU CAPED CLOWN!
AGAMENNO HAS
SWAPPED OUR BODIES!
NOW YOU'RE BUT AN
ORDINARY MAN AT
THE MERCY OF A
SUPER-POWERED
LUTHOR--

--AND I THINK
WE ALL KNOW HOW
I DESPISE MERCY--!

SOON AFTER, BATMAN ROARS
DOWN THE STREETS OF GOTHAM
CITY ON HIS NIGHTLY PATROL...



COMMISSIONER GORDON
NEVER ACTIVATES THE
BAT-SIGNAL UNLESS
IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
BETTER GET TO
HEADQUARTERS!

TOO BAD ROBIN'S
ON A CASE WITH
THE TEEN TITANS.
IF HE WERE HERE,
HE--



--HE--

--HE
WOULDN'T
BELIEVE
HIS EYES
EITHER!

THE BAT-
SIGNAL--



--IT'S BEEN
TURNED INTO A
RAYBEAM OF
DESTRUCTION?

BUT
HOW?

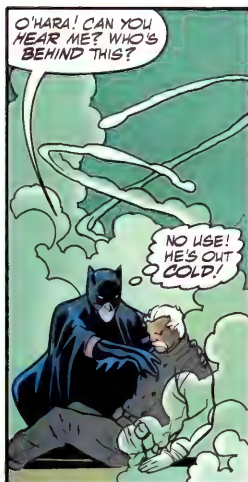
AND
WHY WON'T
GORDON
TURN IT
OFF?

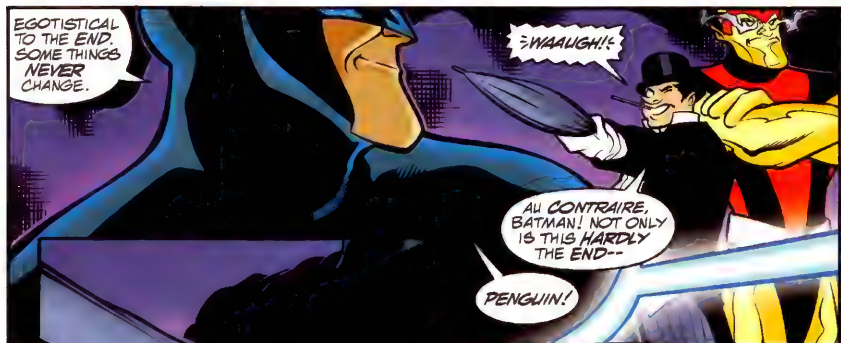
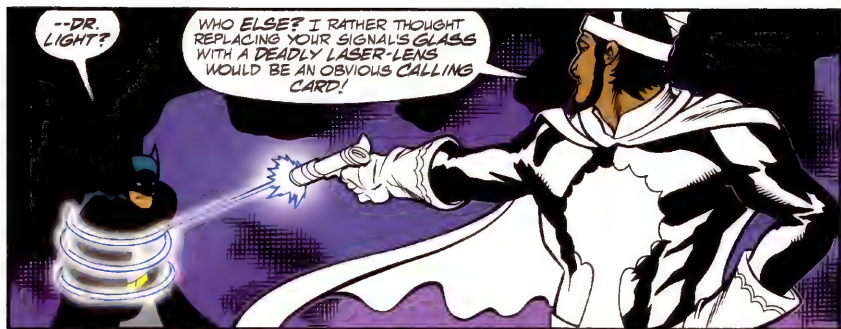


ANSWER--
HE CAN'T!

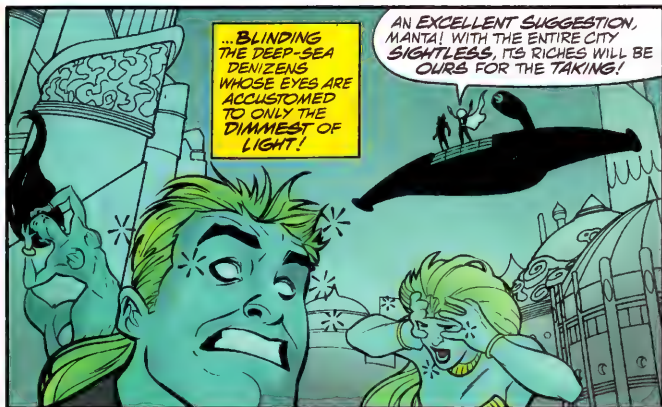
HUNTING
FALCONS--
GUARDING THE
ROOF!

FALL
BACK, MEN!
FALL BACK!



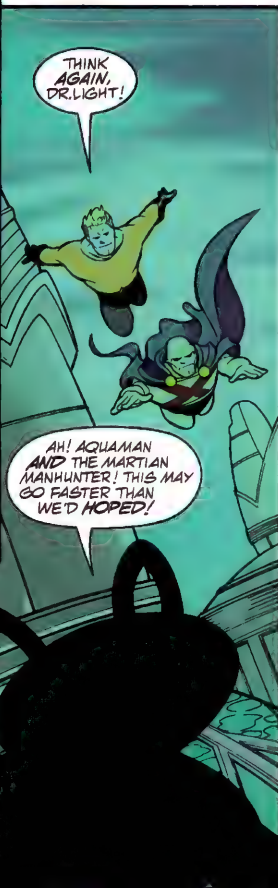
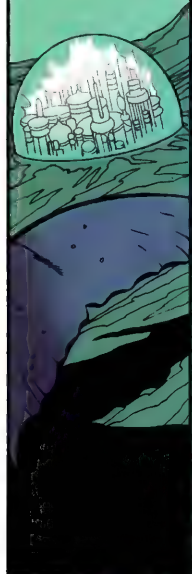


HOURS LATER, IN THE UNDERSEA KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS, A SUN-BRIGHT FLARE ERUPTS WITHOUT WARNING...



...BLINDING THE DEEP-SEA DENIZENS WHOSE EYES ARE ACCUSTOMED TO ONLY THE DIMMEST OF LIGHT!

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION, MANTA! WITH THE ENTIRE CITY SIGHTLESS, ITS RICHES WILL BE OURS FOR THE TAKING!



THINK AGAIN, DR. LIGHT!

AH! AQUAMAN AND THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER! THIS MAY GO FASTER THAN WE'D HOPED!



THANKS FOR RESPONDING TO MY JLA SIGNAL, J'ONN! UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TWO ON TWO SEEMS ONLY FAIR!

MY PLEASURE ARTHUR! THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG!

DESPITE AQUAMAN'S ASSUMPTIONS, HOWEVER, THE ODDS ARE FAR FROM EVEN-- WITH THE ALCHEMICAL MR. ELEMENT SCHEMING IN THE SHADOWS!

ACCORDING TO AGAMEMNO, FIRE IS THE MARTIAN'S WEAKNESS! HE NO DOUBT BELIEVES HE'S SAFE FROM FLAME ON THE OCEAN'S FLOOR--

--BUT WITH MY WEAPON, I CAN TURN THAT NEARBY CORAL--

--INTO PURE SODIUM, WHICH BURNS UNDERWATER!

AAAARGH!

AND AS FOR AQUAMAN...

J'ONN! HOLD ON! I'LL GET YOU TO SAFEGKK-KKK!

SOMETHING-- PULLING THE OXYGEN-- OUT OF THE WATER! CAN'T-- BREATHE--!



BLOCK-BUSTERS?



You Bet!



PAWNS *of the* INVINCIBLE IMMORTAL! *PART THREE*

IN CENTRAL CITY, AS THEY SO OFTEN DO, SCIENTISTS BARRY (FLASH) ALLEN AND RAY (ATOM) PALMER HAVE LOST ALL TRACK OF TIME.

... AND THEN... RIGHT THERE BETWEEN THE PROTON AND THE NEUTRON... I CAUGHT A CHARMED QUARK.

YOU LIE!
HOW BIG?

THIS
BIG.

NO WAY!

OKAY,
THIS
BIG. BUT
STILL...

BARRY, YOU
CAN'T IMAGINE
THE *THRILL* OF
WORKING WITH
HADRONS ON THE
SUBATOMIC
LEVEL!

AND WHAT ABOUT NEUTRINOS? THEY'RE FASCINATING!

SPELLBINDING.

BOY,
VISITING YOU
MAKES FOR A
GREAT
VACATION! I
COULD TALK
LIKE THIS ALL
NIGHT! RIGHT,
JEAN?

JEAN?

IRIS?

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

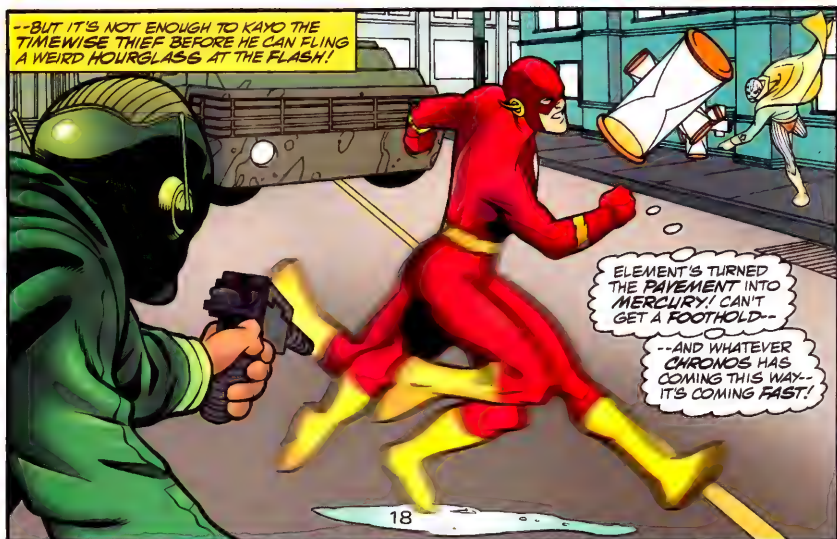
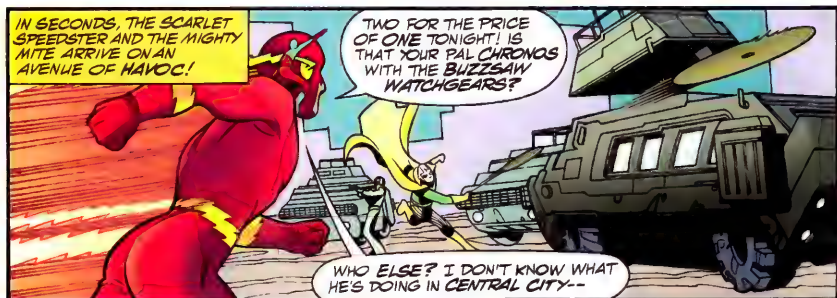
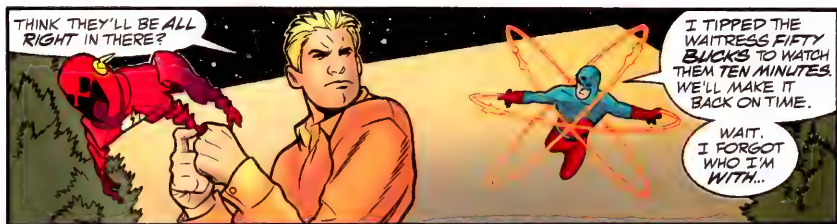
CH-OH.

OH, MAN.
WHEN THEY
WAKE UP,
THEY ARE
GOING TO BE
SO MAD...!

WHAT
DO WE
DO?

--INTERRUPT THIS
BROADCAST TO
REPORT A SIGHTING
OF MR. ELEMENT IN
THE CITY'S DIAMOND
DISTRICT!

⇒ WHEW! ⇐





--HE FINDS HIMSELF
IMMOBILIZED BY A
YELLOW BEAM!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER, ATOM?
CAN'T REACH
YOUR GLOVE
CONTROLS?

HOW DO YOU
MAKE A CLOCK
INEFFECTIVE, LITTLE
MAN? YOU TAKE
AWAY ITS HANDS!



SINESTRO!

ANOTHER PAIR
OF LEAGUERS DOWN
AND OUT, AGAMEMNO!
THE SMALLER THEY
ARE--



--THE
HARDER
THEY FALL!
AH HA HA HA!



MEANWHILE, IN STAR
CITY, GREEN ARROW
HAS TRACKED FELIX
FAUST TO THE RARE
BOOK SECTION OF
THE CITY LIBRARY...

...BY WITCH'S
WORD AND DEVIL'S
SIGN... NOSTRADAMUS'
DIARY WILL BE
MINE!

BOY, WHO
WRITES THIS
GUY'S HOKUM?
DR. SELUSS?

AND HERE I
AM WITHOUT MY
ANTI-POETRY
ARROW...





FALST,
HUH? NEED
A HAND?

CANARY?
WHAT BRINGS
YOU HERE? MY
CHARM OR MY
LOOKS?

IT'S MY
LOOKS,
ISN'T IT?



DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF. I'VE
BEEN CHASING CATWOMAN
ACROSS NINE STATES, AND HER
TRAIL LED ME HERE FOR SOME
REASON.

HIT ON ME AGAIN
AND I'LL BREAK YOUR
ARM. FOR THE LAST
TIME, YOU BATMAN
WANNABE--YOU
ARE NOT MY
TYPE.

YOU JUST
CAN'T STOP
TALKING ABOUT
ME, CAN YOU?

WE
TACKLE HIM
ON THREE.
ONE... TWO...



...HUH?
MY
ARROWS...?

...OUGHT
TO BE HARDER
TO STEAL
HANDSOME!



CATWOMAN!

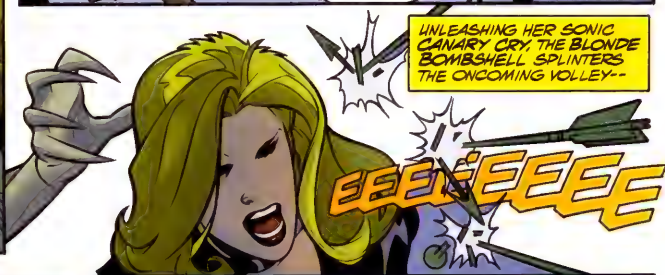
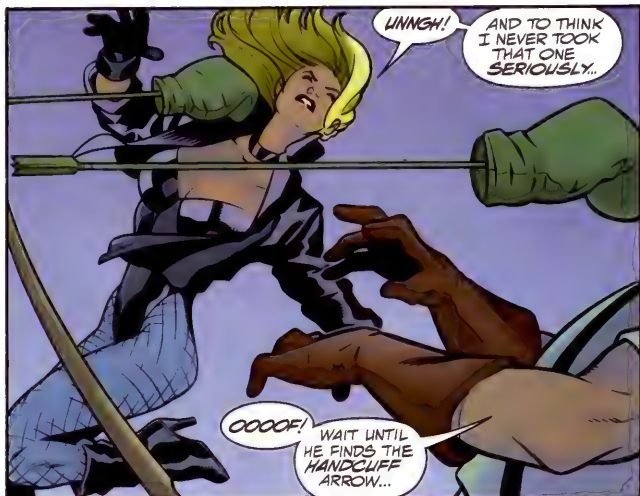
TREAT
THE NAME WITH
RESPECT, DEARIE.
REMEMBER, CATS
EAT CANARIES FOR
BREAKFAST!

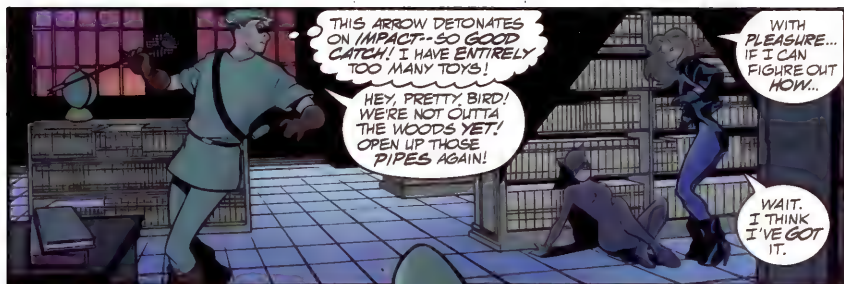
IS
THAT A
THREAT?



NO,
THESE
ARE.

FALST!
YOUR
WEAPONS,
SIR!



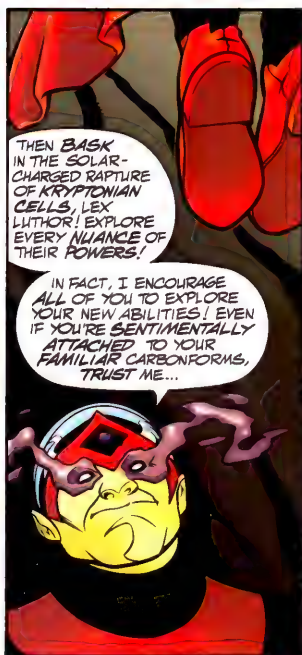


NOT LONG AFTER, GREEN LANTERN RACES TOWARDS THE JLA'S CAVERN OUTSIDE HAPPY HARBOR...

MY JLA SIGNAL DEVICE PICKED UP AN EMERGENCY ALERT FROM THE ENTIRE TEAM! WHAT KIND OF CRISIS COULD WE BE HAVING IN OUR OWN HEADQUARTERS?







HAVE **DC's**
GREATEST
SUPER-STARs TURNED

SINISTER?

FIND OUT IN THESE
BLOCKBUSTER
ISSUES!

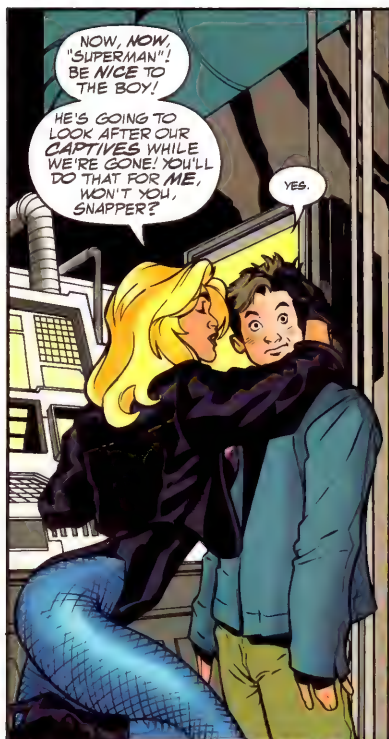


ON SALE IN TWO WEEKS!

PAWNS *of the* INVINCIBLE IMMORTAL! PART FOUR

GLOATING, AGAMEMNO REVEALS HIS PLANS TO THE CAPTIVE HEROES--ONLY TO BE LINESPECTEDLY INTERRUPTED BY THE ENTRANCE OF THE JLA'S HANDYMAN AND MASOCOT, SNAPPER CARR-- CONFUSED BEYOND BELIEF!





NOW, NOW, "SUPERMAN"! BE NICE TO THE BOY!

HE'S GOING TO LOOK AFTER OUR CAPTIVES WHILE WE'RE GONE! YOU'LL DO THAT FOR ME, WON'T YOU, SNAPPER?

YES.

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD STAY WITH HIM, "BATMAN." TOO MUCH DEPENDS ON THIS MISSION TO RISK OUR CAPTIVES FOULING IT SOMEHOW.

THEN WE'RE OFF! WE WON'T BE GONE LONG, "BATMAN"! BELIEVE ME--WE CAN'T WAIT TO RETURN!

LOTS OF LIVES AT STAKE, THEN?

MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.



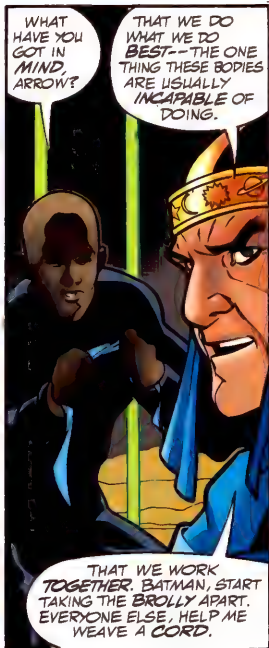
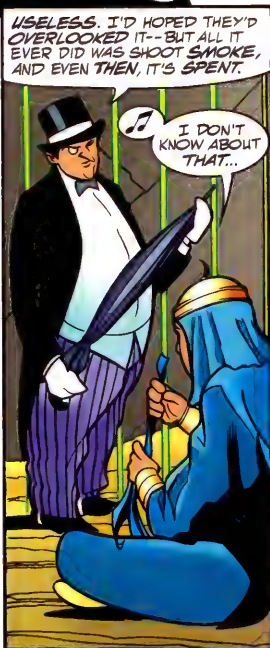
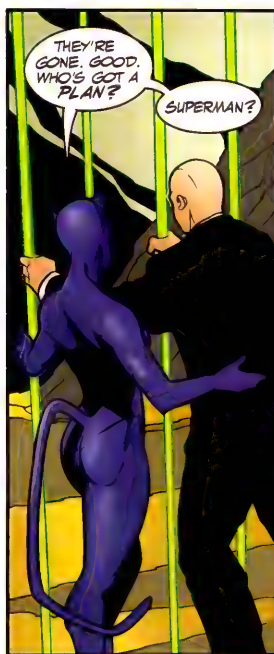
GOOD LUCK, GL-- AND DON'T WORRY! WE'LL WATCH THESE GROOVY GHOULIES!



FRANKLY, LAD, I'M RATHER TIRED OF THEIR CATERWAULING.

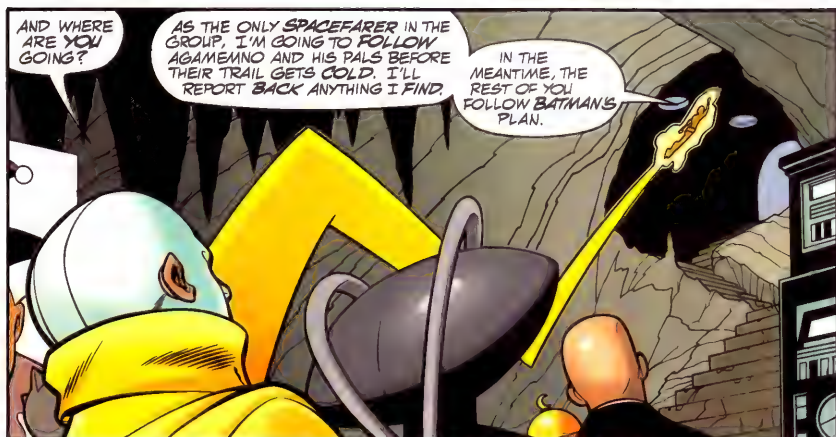
"LAD"?

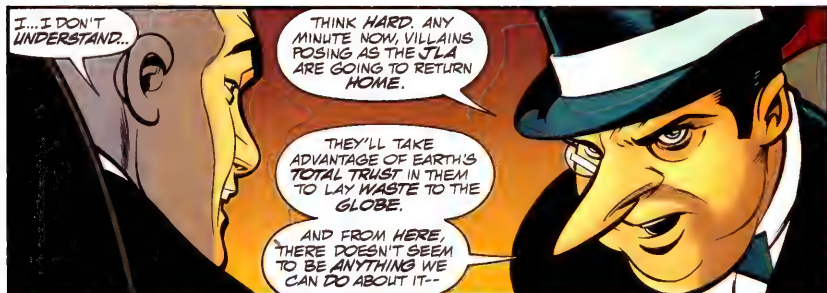
THEY'LL BE FINE FOR A WHILE. WHY DON'T YOU UPDATE ME ON OUR NATIONAL SECURITY FILES...?













--EXCEPT TO
FRIGHTEN EARTH
INTO BEING READY
AND WAITING
FOR THEM.

BUT SUPERMAN AND
I...WE'VE WORKED SO
HARD TO BE ACCEPTED
BY EARTHMEN. TO THROW
THAT TRUST AWAY...



I DON'T THINK
ANY OF US ARE
ANXIOUS TO BE
HATED, J'ONN... BUT
BATMAN'S RIGHT.

FROM NOW
ON, THE WORLD
HAS TO TREAT THE
"JUSTICE LEAGUE"
AS VILLAINS IF ITS
TO SURVIVE.



NO. THERE MUST
BE ANOTHER
WAY...



THEN NAME IT. I'M WITH
BATMAN, HOWEVER RELUCTANTLY.
WE'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO FRAME
OURSELVES FOR ATROCITIES
AGAINST MANKIND... TURN
HUMANITY AGAINST US SO
THEY'LL BE ON ALERT.

AND AS AWKWARDLY AS THIS
SITS WITH SUPERMAN...



...IT'S UP TO HIM TO
SPEARHEAD THE EFFORT.

WH-WHAT?

COME ON, KAL! YOU NOW
CONTROL LEX LUTHOR'S
RESOURCES AND MEDIA
EMPIRE. WHO BETTER
TO GET THE WORD OUT--
AND DRAG OUR REPUTATIONS
THROUGH THE MUD?



NO! NO WAY! HAVE
YOU GUYS LOST ALL
YOUR MARBLES?

GREEN
ARROW...

YOU WOULD COME UP WITH
THIS, BATS! YOU LIKE IT WHEN
PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF YOU!
WELL, GUESS WHAT?



SOME OF US HAVE REPS
WE WANT TO HANG ONTO!
COME ON, PRETTY BIRD!

WHAT?
COME
WHERE?

YOU SAID THERE HAD
TO BE ANOTHER WAY,
RIGHT? WE KNOW
WHERE FAUST HOLES
UP! LET'S SEE IF WE
CAN FIND SOME HOCUS-
FOCUS THAT'LL FIX
THIS MESS!



HOTHEAD.

HE'LL BE BACK, BATMAN.
WE'D BETTER GET MOVING.
NOT ONLY ARE WE RACING
THE CLOCK, BUT GIVEN
OUR CURRENT GUISES...



"...WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
WE'LL BE UP AGAINST IN
THE HOURS TO COME!"

I BLEW IT! THEY
TRUSTED ME TO KEEP
AN EYE ON THE
PRISONERS...AND I
BLEW IT!

LET IT GO,
BOY! YOU KNOW
NOW WHAT YOU
HAVE TO DO TO
SET IT RIGHT!

YOUR
CONNECTION
TO THE LEAGUE
IS KNOWN TO
THOSE LIKE
Y--

--LIKE
US, SEND
OUT THE
CALL.



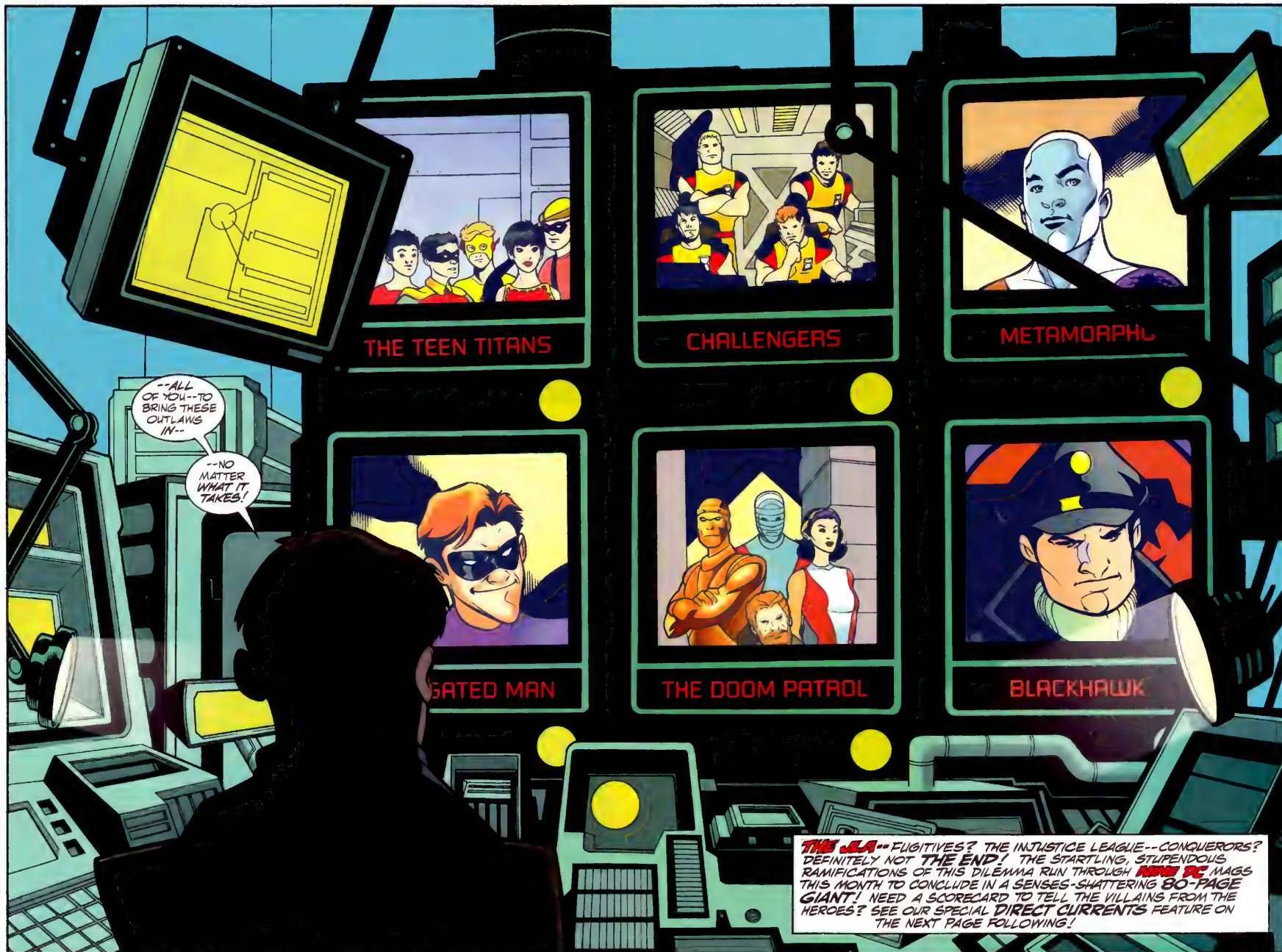
THEY'LL
LISTEN.

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

OKAY, GUYS AND DOLLS--
THIS IS A GRIM GRABBER!
NINE OF THE NASTIEST,
UGLIEST BADDIES WHO EVER
HAUNTED YOUR NIGHTMARES
HAVE CUT LOOSE FROM
CAPTIVITY--

--WHILE
THE JLA HAS
SPLIT THE
SCENE
FOR PARTS
UNKNOWN!

THAT
MEANS
IT'S UP TO
YOU--



JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

THANKS FOR HELPING US SWAP BRAINS WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, AGAMEMNO, OLD PAL!

THE UNIVERSE IS OURS FOR THE TAKING NOW THAT THOSE ONCE-MIGHTY FOOLS ARE TRAPPED BEHIND BARS IN OUR EVIL BODIES!

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL



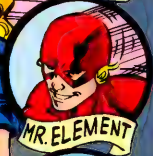
BLACK MANTA



CHRONOS



CATWOMAN



MR. ELEMENT



FELIX FAUST



SINESTRO



DR. LIGHT



LEX LUTHOR

WARNING!
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE ADVENTURE YOU NOW HOLD IN YOUR HANDS MUST NOT BE READ BY ANYONE OF A NERVOUS DISPOSITION! THIS ISSUE FEATURES SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS SUPER POWERS IN THE WORLD ROUTINELY ABUSED BY SEVERAL DEEPLY DISTURBED SUPER-VILLAINS! WE URGE YOU NOT TO ENJOY--

THE LEAGUE WITHOUT JUSTICE!

MARK MILLAR
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PENCILLER

DAN PANOSIAN
INKER

JACK MORELLI
LETTERS

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COLORS

JAMISON SEPARATIONS

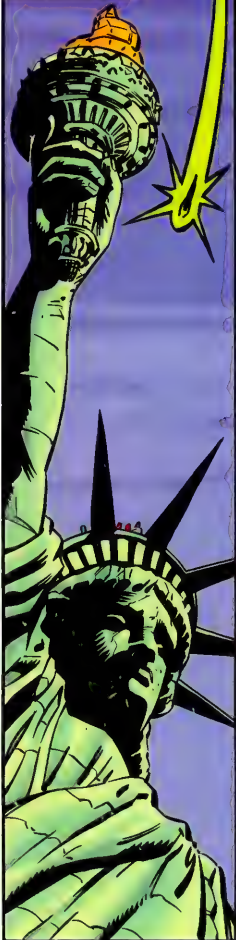
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DAN RASPLER
EDITOR



OUR STORY BEGINS SHORTLY AFTER THE EVENTS OF **SILVER AGE #1** WHERE THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST CRIMINALS (WHO RECENTLY SWAPPED BRAINS WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE) RECONVENE WITH AGAMEMNO...

...A WOULD-BE TYRANT WHO PLANS TO RULE THE COSMOS ONCE THE "JLA" HELP HIM CONSTRUCT THE ULTIMATE DOOMSDAY WEAPON FROM THREE MYSTERIOUS ARTIFACTS.



I TAKE IT GREEN LANTERN'S RING IS NOW FULLY RECHARGED, SINESTRO!

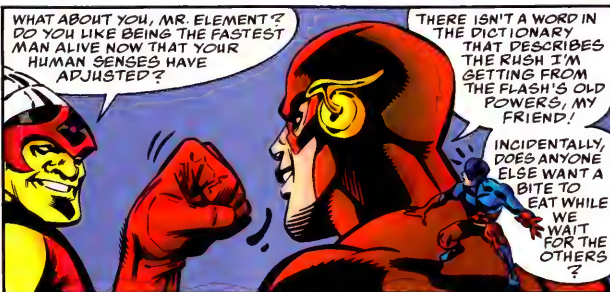
BRIMMING WITH ENERGY FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS, AGAMEMNO-- MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO PUT YOUR TERRIBLE PLAN INTO ACTION!



WHAT ABOUT YOU, MR. ELEMENT? DO YOU LIKE BEING THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE NOW THAT YOUR HUMAN SENSES HAVE ADJUSTED?

THERE ISN'T A WORD IN THE DICTIONARY THAT DESCRIBES THE RUSH I'M GETTING FROM THE FLASH'S OLD POWERS, MY FRIEND!

INCIDENTALLY, DOES ANYONE ELSE WANT A BITE TO EAT WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE OTHERS?

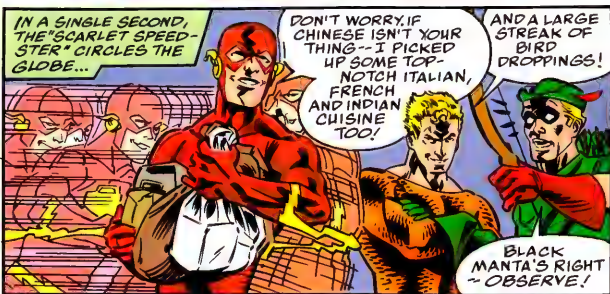


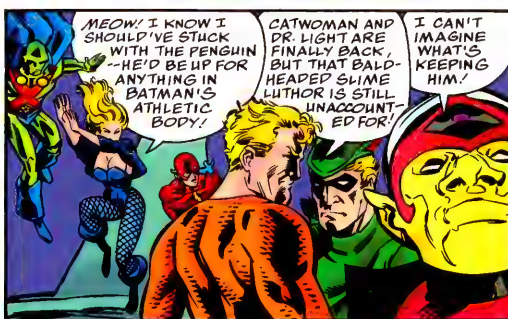
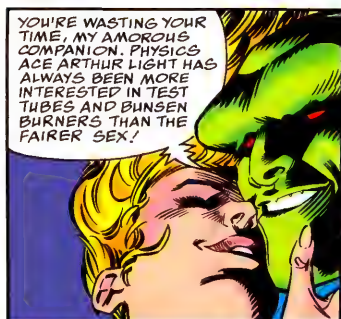
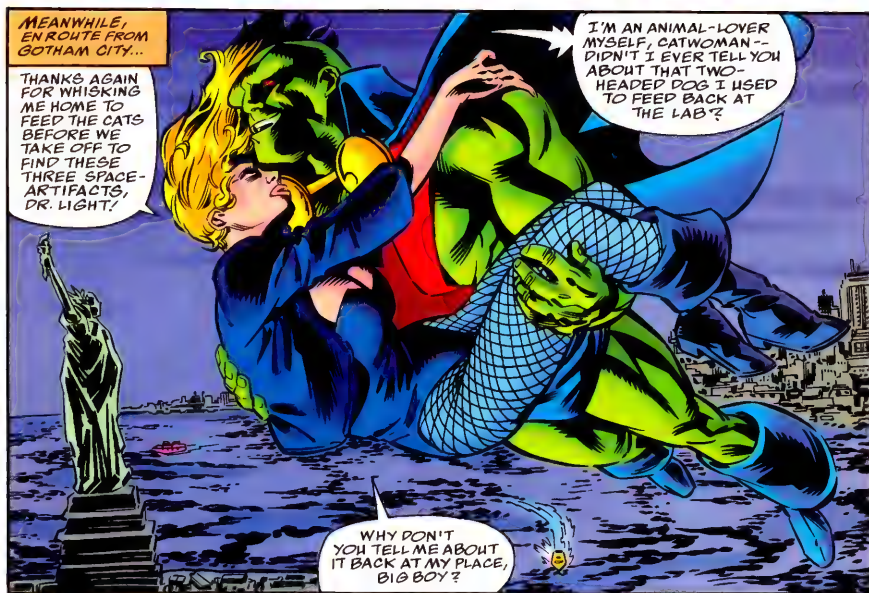
IN A SINGLE SECOND, THE "SCARLET SPEED-STER" CIRCLES THE GLOBE...

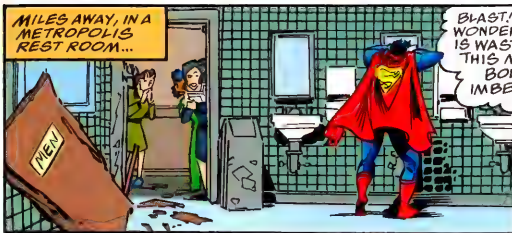
DON'T WORRY, IF CHINESE ISN'T YOUR THING--I PICKED UP SOME TOP--NOTCH ITALIAN, FRENCH AND INDIAN CUISINE TOO!

AND A LARGE STREAK OF BIRD DROPPINGS!

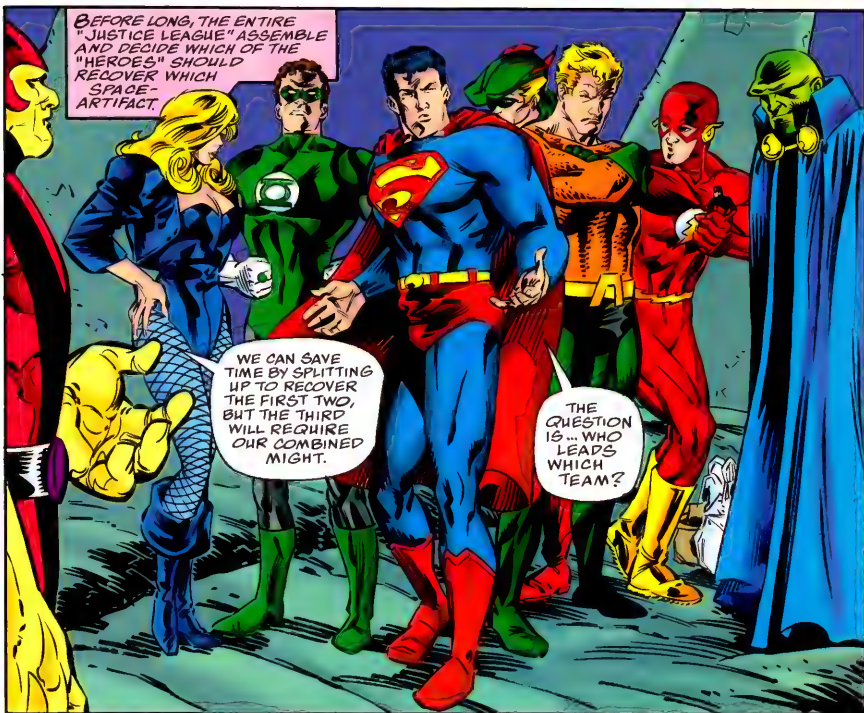
BLACK MANTA'S RIGHT--OBSERVE!







BLAST! ALL THIS WONDERFUL HAIR IS WASTED ON THIS MUSCLE-BOUND IMBECILE!



BEFORE LONG, THE ENTIRE "JUSTICE LEAGUE" ASSEMBLE AND DECIDE WHICH OF THE "HEROES" SHOULD RECOVER WHICH SPACE-ARTIFACT.

WE CAN SAVE TIME BY SPLITTING UP TO RECOVER THE FIRST TWO, BUT THE THIRD WILL REQUIRE OUR COMBINED MIGHT.

THE QUESTION IS... WHO LEADS WHICH TEAM?



WELL, IF THE FIRST COMPONENT FOR YOUR DOOMSPAY WEAPON IS THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY ON OA, IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I--SINESTRO-- SHOULD LEAD THE TEAM THAT HUMILIATES MY FORMER MASTERS!

FINE! JUST DON'T EXPECT ME TO BE ON THE SAME SIDE AS AN ALIEN!

YOU GUYS CAN HAVE CHRONOS IF WE GET CATWOMAN! THEY'RE BOTH USELESS--BUT THE LADY'S EASIER ON THE EYES!

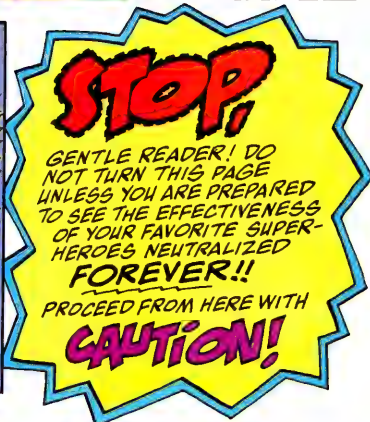
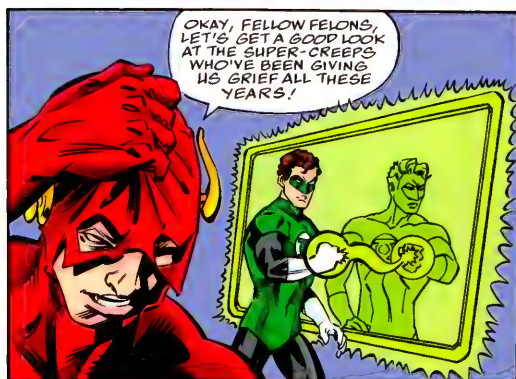
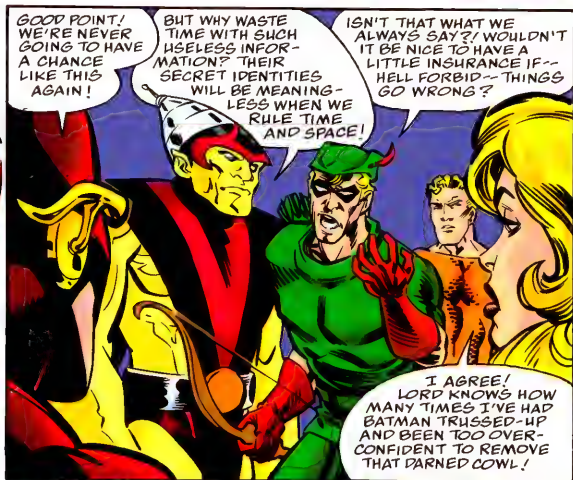
THANKS A LOT, PAL!

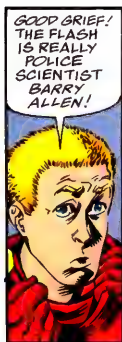
PERSONALLY, I CAN'T STAND DR. LIGHT'S WHINING VOICE! I'M HAPPY TO BE ON ANY TEAM WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR HIM!



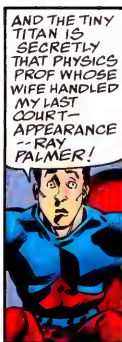
HSSSS! UNHOOK THAT ARM BEFORE YOU LOSE IT!!







GOOD GRIEF!
THE FLASH IS REALLY
POLICE
SCIENTIST
BARRY
ALLEN!



AND THE TINY
TITAN IS
SECRETLY
THAT PHYSICS
PROF WHOSE
WIFE HANDLED
MY LAST
COURT-
APPEARANCE
--RAY
PALMER!



MY NEMESIS
--GREEN
ARROW-- IS
MILLIONAIRE
OLIVER
QUEEN?!
BUT WHO--
EVER HEARD
OF A SUPER-
HERO
"PLAYBOY"
?!



WELL, WELL, WELL...
SO BLACK CANARY
ISN'T A NATURAL
BLONDE AFTER
ALL? JUST AS I
ALWAYS
SUSPECTED!



ACCORDING TO
MY RING, SHE'S
A FLORIST CALLED
DINAH LANCE!
DOES THAT NAME
MEAN ANYTHING TO
ANY-
ONE?



HER FACE
IS AS UN-
KNOWN TO
ME AS IS
YOURS,
SINESTRO.



OH, THAT'S HAL
JORDAN, LUTHOR--
A WOMANIZING
COAST CITY TEST
PILOT WHO'S DATING
SOME CHUMP
NAMED CAROL
FERRIS!

AND EXACTLY
HOW DO YOU
KNOW THAT,
CAT-
WOMAN?

USE YOUR
IMAGI-
NATION,
EINSTEIN!



SUPERMAN,
OF COURSE,
DOESN'T WEAR
A MASK AND
THEREFORE
HAS NO ALTER
EGO-- LIKE
BOTH AQUA-
MAN AND
MARTIAN
MAN-
HUNTER.



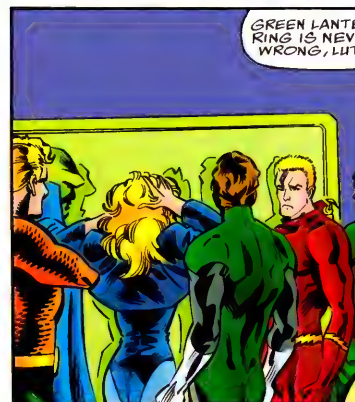
PERSONALLY, I'M
UNCONVINCED!
LET SINESTRO
CHECK TO MAKE
SURE.



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE
THIS, LUTHOR, BUT THE RING
TELLS ME SUPERMAN HIDES
BEHIND GLASSES AND CALLS
HIMSELF "CLARK KENT"
DURING NORMAL WORK-
ING HOURS!



K-KENT?! BUT
THAT'S IMPOS-
SIBLE! SURELY
THERE'S SOME
MISTAKE!



GREEN LANTERN'S
RING IS NEVER
WRONG, LUTHOR!



WOW! I ALWAYS
FIGURED SUPERMAN
WAS THAT ACTOR
THAT PLAYED HIM
IN THE MOVIES
-- GREGORY
REED!



NOT KENT!
ANYONE BUT
THAT ROTTEN
CLARK
KENT!

THE SECRETS REVEALED,
THE "JLA" GET BACK
TO BUSINESS...

WE CAN WASTE NO MORE
TIME-- THE REAL
JUSTICE LEAGUE WILL
ONLY BE SUBBED FOR
SO LONG AND WE CAN
NOT RISK THEIR INTER-
FERENCE!

LUTHOR! BLACK
MANTA! CHRONOS!
FAUST-- COME
WITH ME!!



"THE REST OF YOU
WILL JOURNEY TO
QA WITH SINESTRO
AND RELIEVE THE
GUARDIANS OF
THE UNIVERSE
OF THEIR POWER
BATTERY."

WHATEVER YOU
SAY, AGAMEMNO!
YOU'RE THE BOSS!

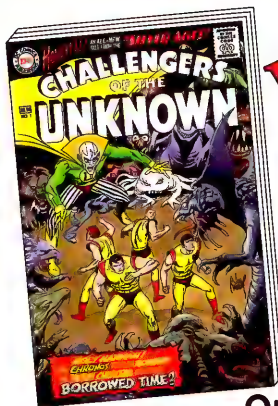


CORRECT, MR.
ELEMENT-- AND
THE DOOMSDAY
WEAPON WILL
GIVE ME THE
KEYS TO THE
ENTIRE UNIVERSE
AS MY FATHER
INTENDED!

BUT NOT FOR
LONG, YOU EXTRA-
TERRESTRIAL
FOOL! THE
BRILLIANT LEX
LUTHOR TAKES
ORDERS FROM
NEITHER MAN
NOR ALIEN!



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For THE
VERY
BEST



in
COMICS
READING

ON SALE THIS WEEK!



THE LEAGUE WITH OUT JUSTICE! PART 2

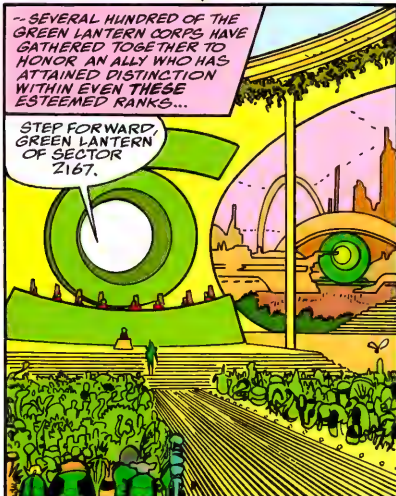
MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET QA-- HOME-- WORLD OF THE BLUE-SKINNED GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE--

-- SEVERAL HUNDRED OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER TO HONOR AN ALLY WHO HAS ATTAINED DISTINCTION WITHIN EVEN THESE ESTEEMED RANKS...

STEP FORWARD, GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 2167.

ARES BANDET OF XARDA, YOUR BRAVERY DURING THE WAR BETWEEN SOUND AND LIGHT ON THE VERY FRINGES OF THE THIRD DIMENSION ASTONISHED EVEN US IMMORTALS.

IT IS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WISHES OF THE ENTIRE CORPS AND AWARD YOU THE HIGHEST HONOR KNOWN TO A GREEN LANTERN...



...THE EMERALD OF MALTHUS!

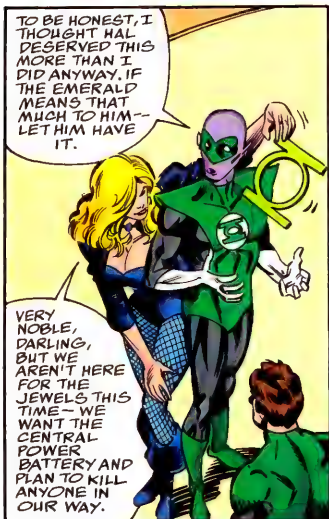
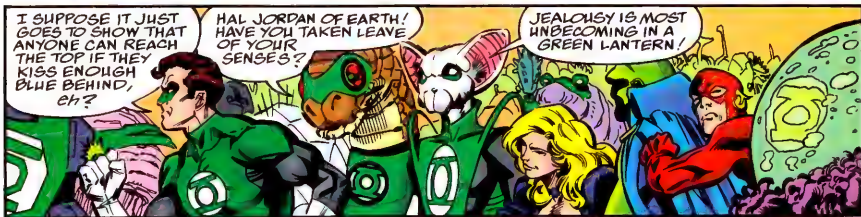
ALLOW ME TO BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE YOU, COURAGEOUS ONE!

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INTER-PLANETARY CRIME, THIS IS TRULY THE GREATEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE!



OH, GOD, I THINK I'M GOING TO VOMIT!!







A HUMAN WHIRLWIND
RACES THROUGH
THE CROWD...

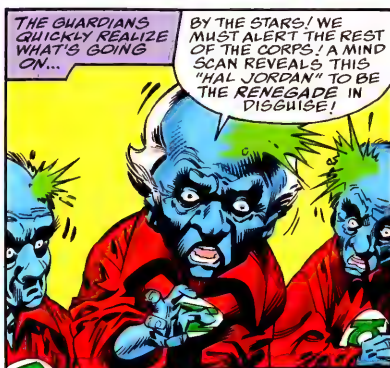


OUR POWER RINGS--
THEY'VE DISAPPEARED!

AND NOW
THEY'RE GONE
FOREVER,
THANKS TO AN
INTENSE BLAST
FROM MY
MARTIAN
VISION! ISN'T
THIS A HOOT,
CAT-
WOMAN?

EVEN THE
MIGHTIEST
WEAPON IN THE
UNIVERSE IS
USELESS AGAINST
A MAN WHO RUNS
AT TWICE THE
SPEED OF
THOUGHT!

IT'S DELICIOUS,
DR. LIGHT!
WITHOUT THEIR
RINGS, THESE
CLOWNS ARE
LITTLE MORE
THAN A LOW-
GRADE, INTER-
PLANETARY
FREAK SHOW!



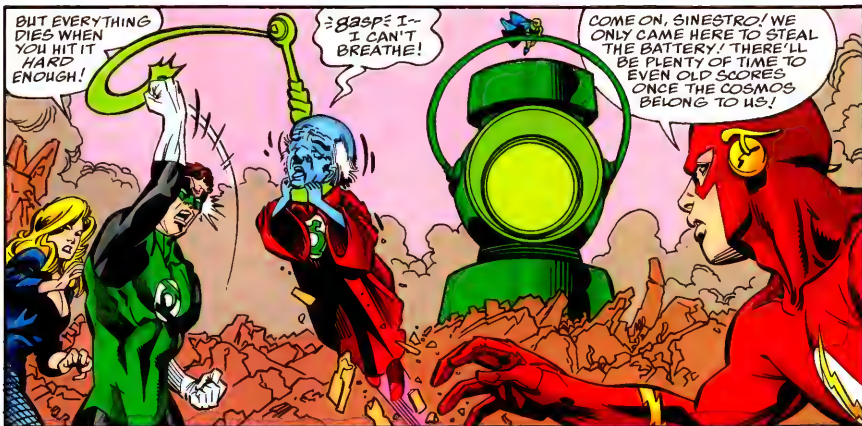
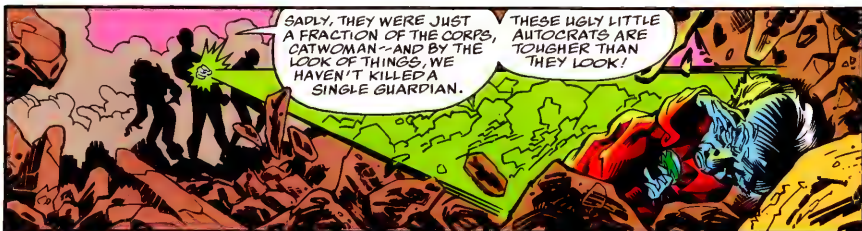
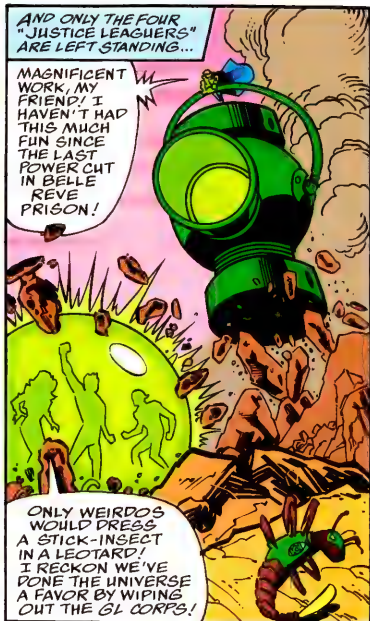
THE GUARDIANS
QUICKLY REALIZE
WHAT'S GOING
ON...

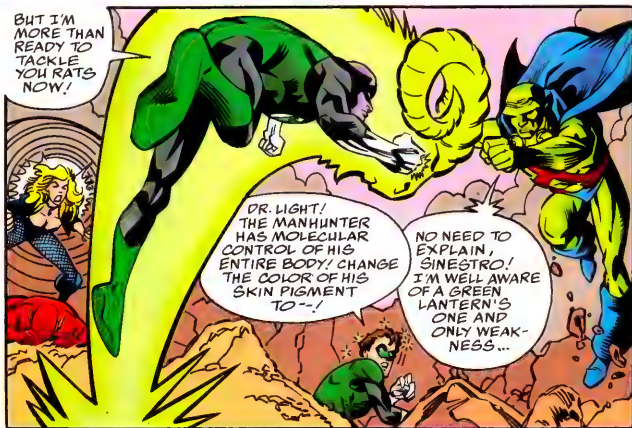
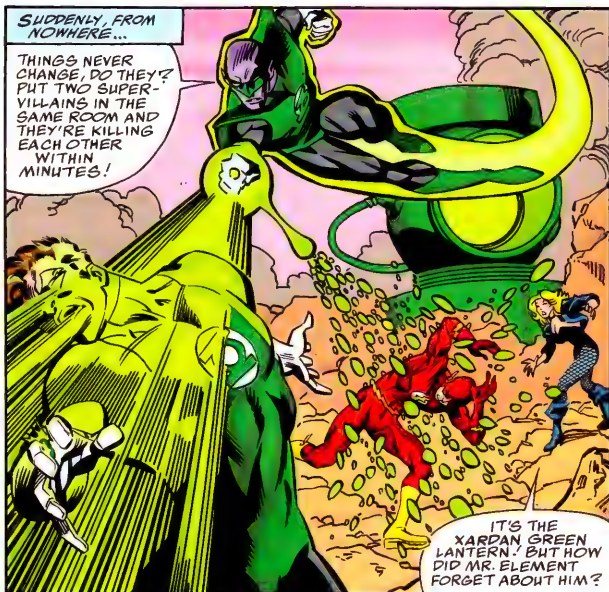
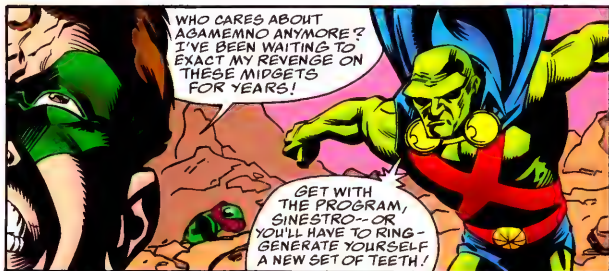
BY THE STARS! WE
MUST ALERT THE REST
OF THE CORPS! A MIND
SCAN REVEALS THIS
"HAL JORDAN" TO BE
THE RENEGADE IN
DISGUISE!



BUT THEY'RE
TOO LATE...

THE RENEGADE HAS A NAME,
YOU AGELESS CAF, AND YOU
WOULD DO WELL TO REMEM-
BER IT-- FOR THE WORD
"SINestro" SHALL BE
CARVED ON YOUR LITTLE
GRAVESTONES!





THE "MARTIAN
MANHUNTER"
TURNS FROM
GREEN TO
YELLOW...

THANKS TO AN
IMPURITY IN THE
DESIGN, YOUR
MUCH-VAUNTED
RING IS USELESS
AGAINST ME IN
THIS FORM!

DIE, YOU
HEROIC
TRASH!
DIE!!

MEANWHILE, THE
GUARDIANS FACE
THEIR OLD NEMESIS...

IS THIS WHERE IT
ENDS, SINESTRO?
OUR VISION OF
INTERPLANETARY
PEACE DESTROYED
FOR THE SAKE OF A
RENEGADE'S
REVENGE?

PERHAPS DEATH
WILL BE A BLESS-
ING NEXT TO LIVING
IN A UNIVERSE
CONTROLLED BY
AN "INJUSTICE"
LEAGUE!

AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MY FELLOW
SCUM? SHOULD WE SPARE
THESE RUNTS AND FORCE THEM
TO WITNESS THE UTER
DESTRUCTION OF THEIR
ORDERED LITTLE UNIVERSE?

SOUNDS LIKE
A LAUGH TO ME,
SINESTRO~ LET'S
MAKE THEM WISH
THE BIG BANG HAD
NEVER HAPPENED!

BUT WHAT ABOUT
THE THREE THOUSAND
GREEN LANTERNS
WE'VE ALREADY
ALERTED? THEY
WILL FIND A WAY
TO STOP YOU,
TRAITOR!

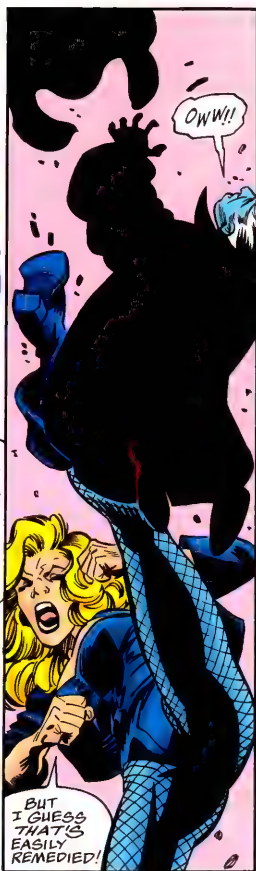
WELL, THEY'D
BETTER BE QUICK,
LITTLE MAN!
THEIR RINGS
NEED TO BE
RECHARGED
AFTER 24 HOURS
AND WE'VE GOT
THE ONLY
POWER SOURCE!

THE "JUSTICE
LEAGUE"
PREPARE TO
LEAVE...

IS ARES
BANDET
DEAD YET,
DR. LIGHT?

AS THE
PROVERBIAL
PODDO,
SINESTRO!
LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE!

JUST A
MINUTE,
BOYS...

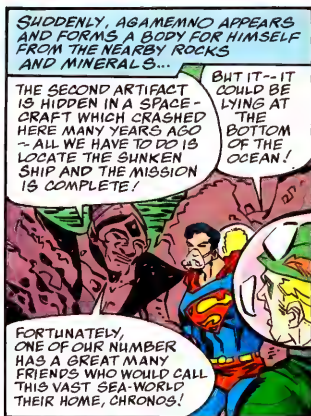


WHEN IT COMES TO
ACTION
THEY'RE
The Tops!



ON SALE NEXT WEEK!

THE LEAGUE WITH OUT JUSTICE! PART 3



WITH THE RESPECT VISITING ROYALTY DESERVES, THE FISH LEAD "AQUAMAN" AND THE OTHERS TO AN ODDLY FAMILIAR WFO DEEP INSIDE ONE OF THE ALIEN SEA-TRENCHES...

I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT THE LEKCORP DEEP SPACE UNIFORM CAN WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE OF THE OCEAN DEPTHS AS WELL AS THE RAVAGES OF INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL!

YOU'VE DONE WELL, MY FINNY FRIENDS! NOW DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER FOR MY AMUSEMENT!

WH-WHAT? BUT I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SIRE!

IT IS NOT FOR US TO REASON WHY, MY BROTHER ~MERELY TO TRUST THE WISDOM OF OUR BETTERS!

THE SEAS TURN RED AS THE FISH TAKE PART IN A BLOODY FEEDING FRENZY...

HA! THIS IS HILARIOUS!

INSIDE THE SHIP, THE OTHERS ARE GREETED WITH HIGH-TECH DEFENSES...

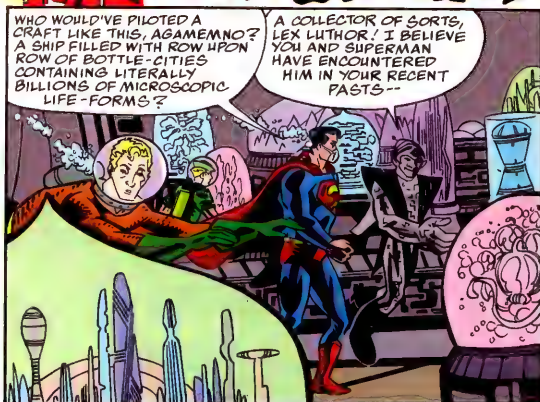
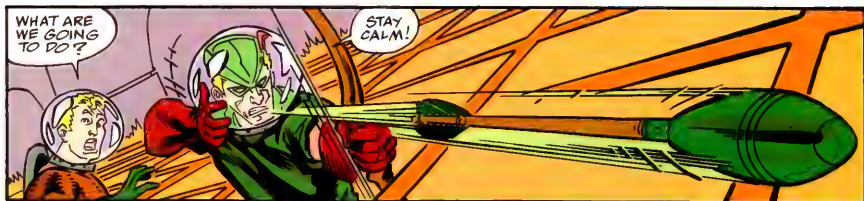
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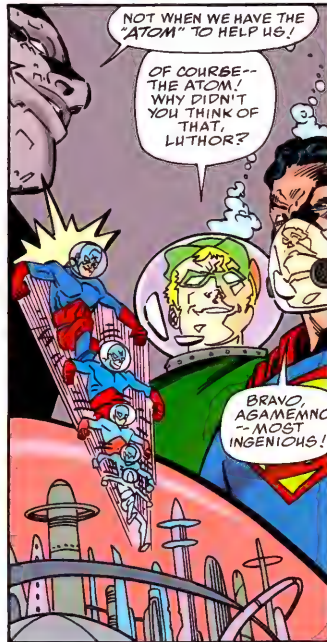
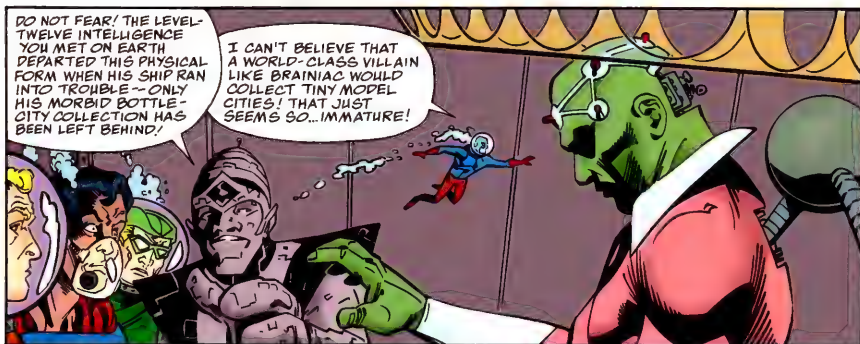
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!

--EXECUTIONS WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY!

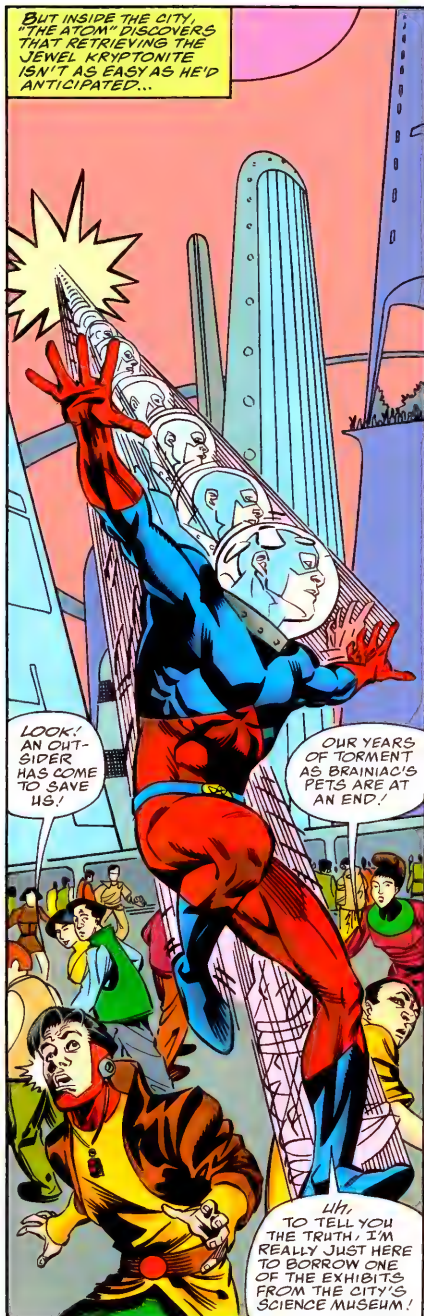
HOLY SMOKE! AGAMEMNO'S DOWN!

BUT WHO'S NEXT? SUPPOSING THIS THING HAS KRYPTONITE!





BUT INSIDE THE CITY, "THE ATOM" DISCOVERS THAT RETRIEVING THE JEWEL KRYPTONITE ISN'T AS EASY AS HE'D ANTICIPATED...



LOOK! AN OUTSIDER HAS COME TO SAVE US!

OUR YEARS OF TORMENT AS BRAINIAC'S PETS ARE AT AN END.

LI! TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M REALLY JUST HERE TO BORROW ONE OF THE EXHIBITS FROM THE CITY'S SCIENCE MUSEUM!

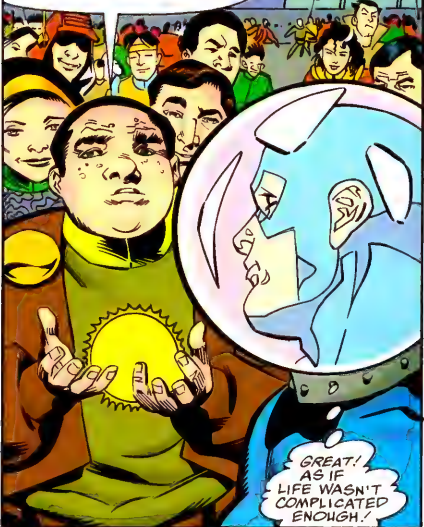
BUT WE'VE BEEN TRAPPED HERE FOR DECADES! YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP US!

TOO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE GROWN UP INSIDE THIS ACCURSED BOTTLE -- YOU'RE OUR ONLY CHANCE OF RESTORING PAXAM'S FIRST CAPITAL TO ITS NATURAL SIZE!

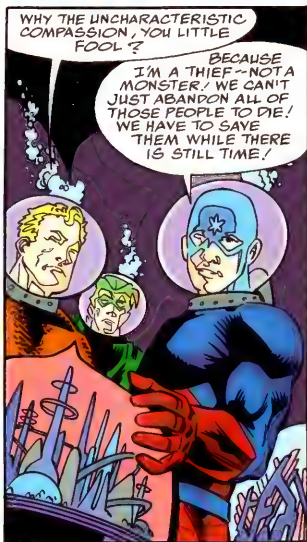
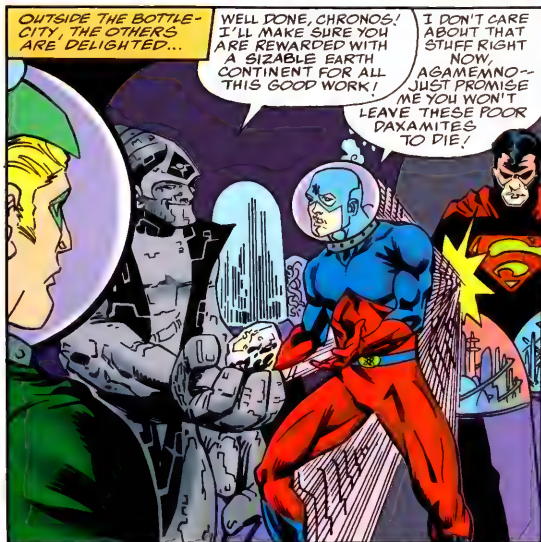
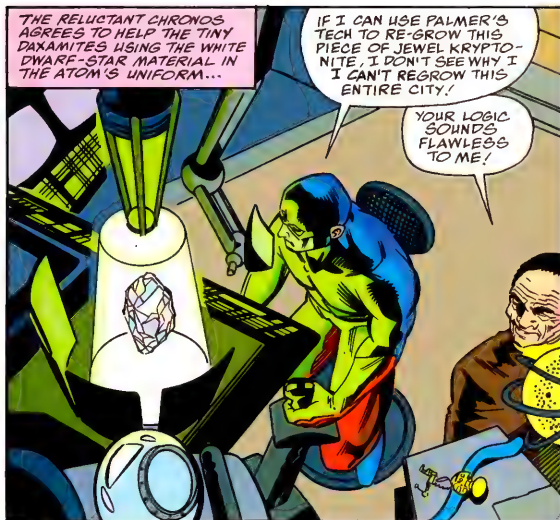


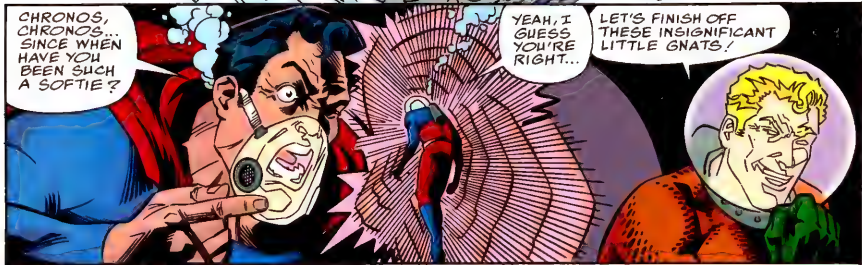
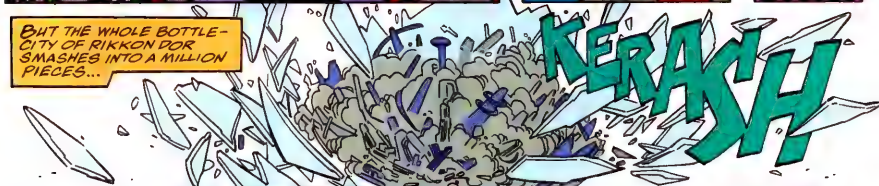
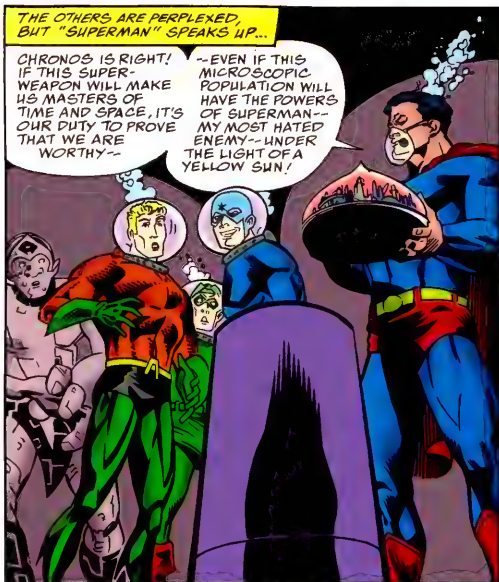
A SOLEMN SCIENTIST STEPS FOWARD...

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE ARTIFICIAL RED SUN CONSTRUCTED TO NOURISH US GROWS DIM SINCE BRAINIAC'S DEPARTURE! WITHOUT YOUR HELP-- EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN RIKKON DOR WILL PERISH!



GREAT! AS IF LIFE WASN'T COMPLICATED ENOUGH.







AT THIS CRITICAL POINT WE ARE OBLIGED TO END THIS PART OF OUR STORY ABOUT THE INJUSTICE GANG AND THEIR MISUSE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S POWERS!

WHAT IS THE MYSTERIOUS THIRD ARTIFACT NEEDED TO BUILD THE ULTIMATE WEAPON?? WILL THE VILLAINS BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWN BODIES?? WHAT IS LEX LUTHUR UP TO?!!

COME BACK SOON-- YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!!

TO BE CONTINUED IN --
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BLOCK-BUSTERS?



You Bet!



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IMAGINE A MENACE TERRIBLE ENOUGH TO INSPIRE THE INVENTION OF A NEW GENERATION OF ARMS! NOW IMAGINE THIS ARSENAL BEING TRAINED ON YOU! THAT'S THE FRIGHTENING FATE IN STORE FOR THE WORLD'S STRANGEST HEROES WHEN THEY TEAM UP WITH AN UNUSUAL ALLY TO WAGE...

the **WAR** of the
SUPER-WEAPONS!



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AT THIS TERRIBLE MOMENT, A HIDEOUS SCHEME BY THE SPACE-VILLAIN AGAMEMNO CAREENS INEXORABLY TOWARD FRUITION!



LUTHOR



PENGUIN



MR. ELEMENT



CATWOMAN



SINESTRO



FELIX FAUST



BLACK MANTA



DR. LIGHT



CHRONOS



IN A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC SHELL GAME, THE INVINCIBLE IMMORTAL DISPLACED THE MINDS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA INTO THE BODIES OF THEIR ARCHENEMIES—AND VICE VERSA!

THE COSMIC CONQUEROR DISPATCHED HIS VILLAINOUS Pawns TO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF SPACE...

...WHERE THEY NOW PLY THEIR PIRATED POWERS TO PLUNDERING THREE ARTIFACTS THAT HOLD THE KEY TO UNIVERSAL CONQUEST!



THE TRAITORS' PROMISED PAYOFF: EARTH ITSELF!

MEANWHILE, THE TRUE HEROES, TRAPPED IN CRIMINAL BODIES, STRUGGLE TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE AND TO EVADE THE VERY LAW THEY'VE SWORN TO UPHOLD!



SUPERMAN



BATMAN



AQUAMAN



BLACK CANARY



MANHUNTER



ATOM



GREEN ARROW



FLASH



GREEN LANTERN

BUT WHAT GIVES ALREADY?

YOU FANS PAID TO THRILL TO THE FEATS OF THE WORLD'S STRANGEST HEROES, NOT THE WORLD'S GREATEST! HOW COULD THE JLA'S FEARSOME FATE IMPACT THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPLOITS OF OUR FAB FREAKS?

* * *

WARNING: THE ANSWER WILL TRAUMATIZE you...

...BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT IT'LL DO TO THE D.R.! READ ON, AS RITA (ELASTI-GIRL) FAREE AND CLIFF (ROBOT/MAN) STEELE RUN A ROUTINE ERRAND...

NO OFFENSE, CLIFF, BUT I'D GET THIS SHOPPING DONE FASTER ALONE! YOU ATTRACT SO MANY GAWKERS--!

AND THAT'S WHY YOU USED TO BE, MOVIE STARLET, RIGHT, BEAUTIFUL? 'CAUSE YOU HATE ATTENTION! MAN, YOU ARE SO FULL OF--

AHH! LOOK!

ANH!
LOOK!

SUPER-HEROES!

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

WHAT THE--?! WHAT GOT INTO THESE IDIOTS??

MAYBE TELEVISION'S TO BLAME; AS USUAL, I S'N; THAT LEX LUTHOR ON SCREEN?

MAYBE
TELEVISION'S
TO BLAME, AS
USUAL! ISN'T THAT
LEX LUTHOR
ON SCREEN?

--AND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HAVE FLED EARTH --

--JUST AS EVIDENCE SURFACED THAT LINKS THEM TO A CHAIN OF ATROCITIES!

NOW WAIT JUST A MIND-BLOWING MINUTE! REMEMBER AGAMEMNO'S BODYSWITCH? THIS ISN'T LUTHOR, IT'S SUPERMAN! BUT WHY WOULD THE MAN OF STEEL RUIN THE REPS OF THE GOOD GUYS?

FOR THE ANSWER,
LET'S LISTEN IN ON HIS
DOLEFUL THOUGHTS!

I HOPE THIS ISN'T A
MAJOR BLUNDER -- BUT I
HAVE NO CHOICE! BEFORE
THOSE VILLAINS EXPLOIT
HUMANITY'S TRUST IN THE
JLA TO LAY WASTE TO
EARTH --

--I'M FORCED
TO APPLY LUTHOR'S
BUSINESS EMPIRE
AND MEDIA INFLUENCE
TO THE DESTRUCTION
OF THAT TRUST!

TAKE NO COMFORT
IN THE JLA'S ABSENCE!
THEY WILL RETURN!
WE MUST STAND
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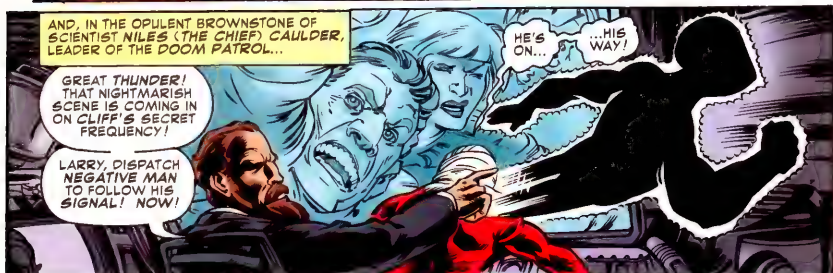
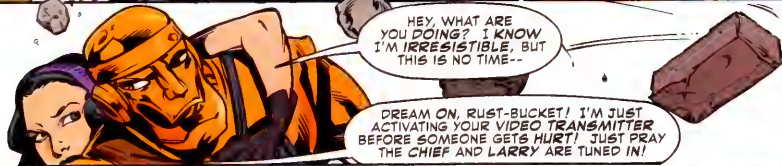
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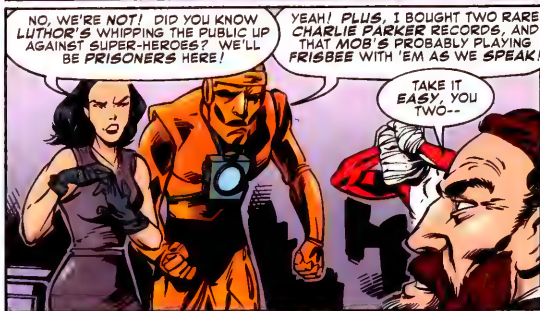
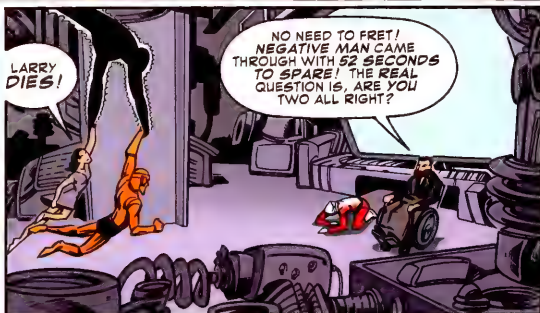
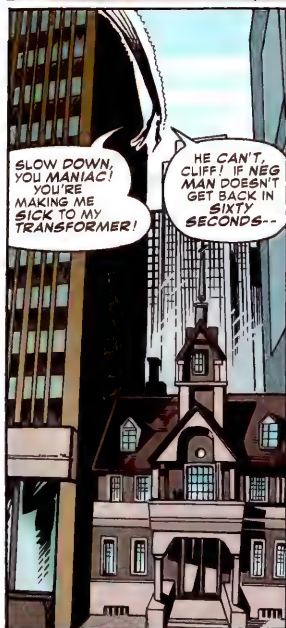
I DON'T BELIEVE
THIS CROCK! THAT BALD
BIGOT'S GONNA MAKE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY
OF US TO—

--AND ALL WHO SET THEMSELVES ABOVE HUMANITY!

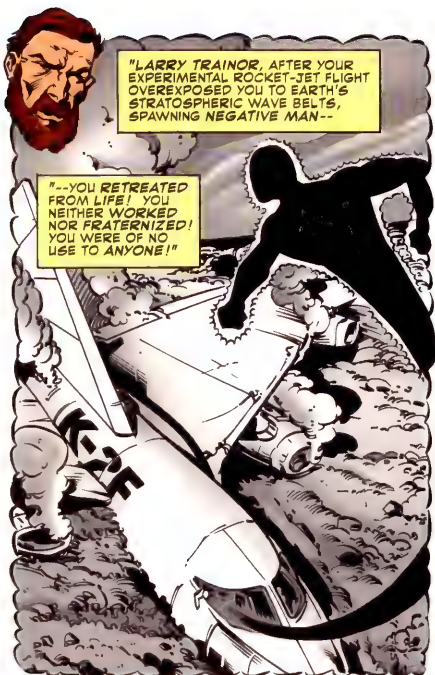
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS CROCK! THAT BALD BIGOT'S GONNA MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY OF US TO--

RUN, EVERYBODY! THE ROBOT'S GOING CRAZY!









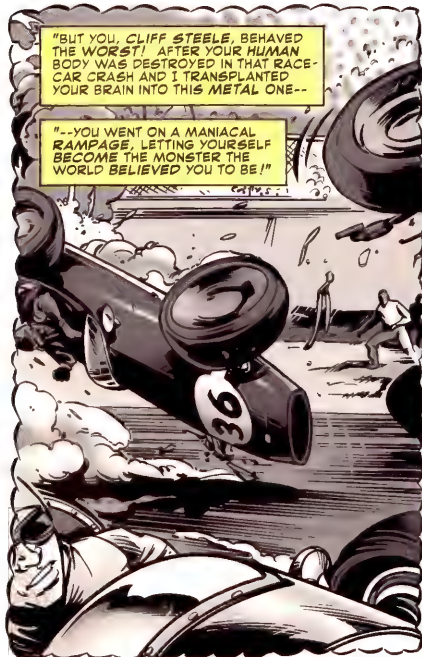
"LARRY TRAINOR, AFTER YOUR EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET-JET FLIGHT OVEREXPOSED YOU TO EARTH'S STRATOSPHERIC WAVE BELTS, SPAWNING NEGATIVE MAN--

"--YOU RETREATED FROM LIFE! YOU NEITHER WORKED NOR FRATERNIZED! YOU WERE OF NO USE TO ANYONE!"



"AND RITA FARR, AFTER AN EXOTIC LOCATION SHOOT BROUGHT YOU TO THOSE STRANGE UNDERGROUND VAPORS THAT CONFERRED YOUR SIZE-POWERS--

"--YOU ABANDONED YOUR GLAMOROUS HOLLYWOOD CAREER AND HID FROM THE WORLD OUT OF SHAME AND FEAR!"



"BUT YOU, CLIFF STEELE, BEHAVED THE WORST! AFTER YOUR HUMAN BODY WAS DESTROYED IN THAT RACE-CAR CRASH AND I TRANSPLANTED YOUR BRAIN INTO THIS METAL ONE--

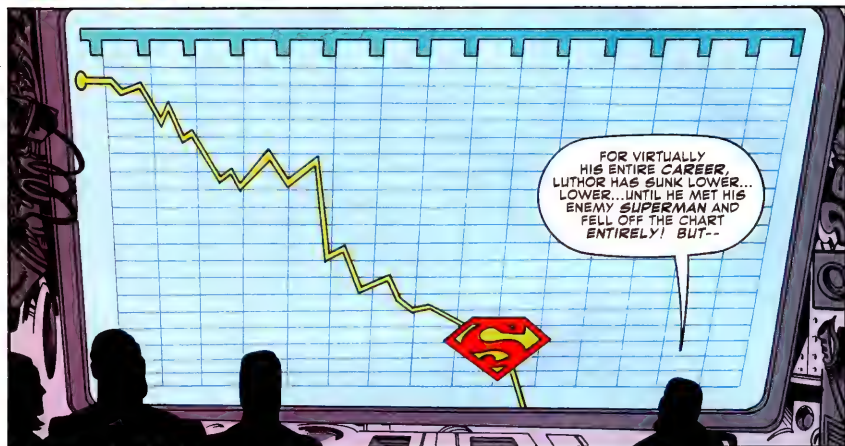
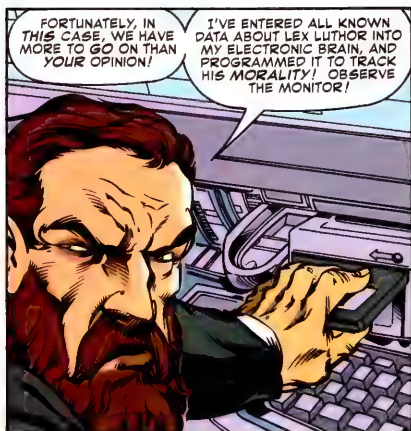
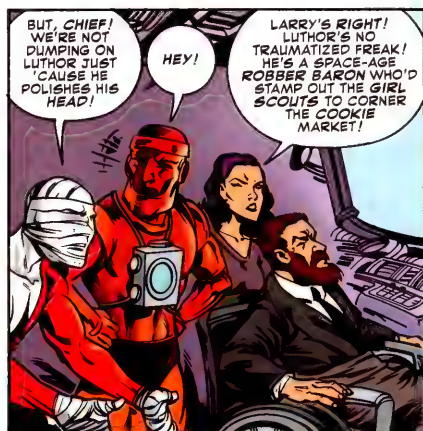
"--YOU WENT ON A MANIACAL RAMPAGE, LETTING YOURSELF BECOME THE MONSTER THE WORLD BELIEVED YOU TO BE!"

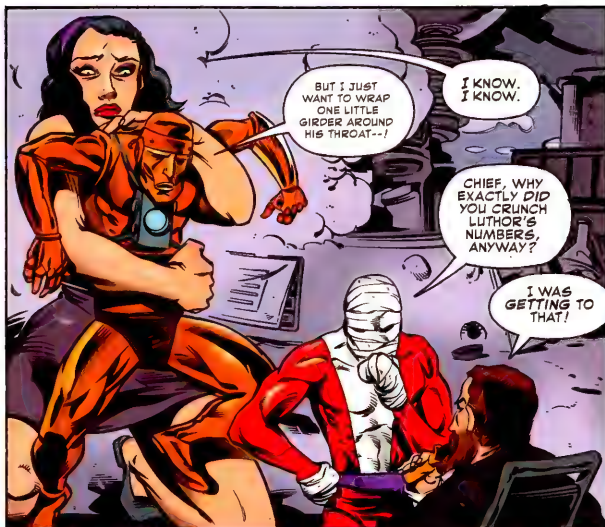


AND YOU TOOK US IN, BIG POPPA! YOU GAVE US A CRUSADE-- A REASON TO CLIMB OUT OF THE PACKING CRATE EVERY MORNING!

BECAUSE I RECOGNIZED YOUR POTENTIAL TO DO GOOD! COULD I HAVE DONE ANY LESS FOR YOU? FOR THE WORLD?

CAN YOU DO ANY LESS FOR OTHERS?





HAVE **DC's**
GREATEST
SUPER-STARs TURNED

SINISTER?

FIND OUT IN THESE
BLOCKBUSTER
ISSUES!



ON SALE THIS WEEK!

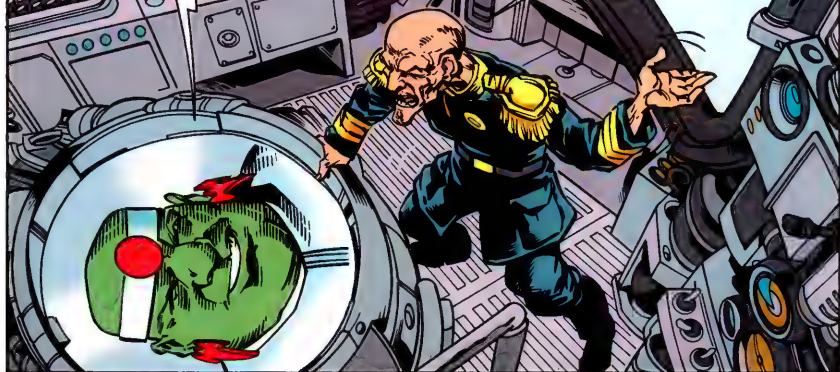
WAR of the SUPER-WEAPONS! CHAPTER 2

MEANWHILE, IN THE MUSTY DEN OF THE D.P.'S AGELESS ARCHFOE, GENERAL IMMORTUS, A POWERFUL RECEIVER DISPLAYS A MENACING LEER FROM A DISTANT WORLD...

IMMORTUS!
WHAT YOU ARE
ASKING ME TO
BELIEVE IS
PREPOSTEROUS!

BUT ALL TOO TRUE,
GARGUAX! THESE BOOTLEG
SECURITY TAPES FROM THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE'S SECRET
SANCTUARY PROVE IT!

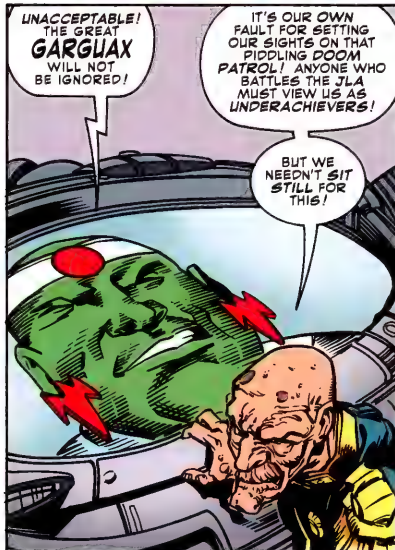
EARTH'S INJUSTICE
GANG AND THIS AGAMEMNO
ARE MAKING THE ULTIMATE
POWER GRAB—AND
WE'RE NOT INVITED!



UNACCEPTABLE!
THE GREAT
GARGUAX
WILL NOT
BE IGNORED!

IT'S OUR OWN
FAULT FOR SETTING
OUR SIGHTS ON THAT
PIDDLING DOOM
PATROL! ANYONE WHO
BATTLES THE JLA
MUST VIEW US AS
UNDERACHIEVERS!

BUT WE
NEEDN'T SIT
STILL FOR
THIS!



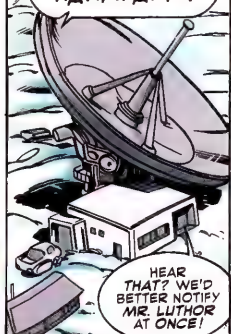
I'M
LISTENING!

THE SOURCE
WHO SOLD ME
THESE TAPES HINTED
THAT LEX LUTHOR
OWNS A SECRET CACHE
OF SUPER-WEAPONS
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO DESTROY THE
TRUE JLA!



THEN THEY WOULD
ALSO WORK ON THOSE
FAKES, IMMORTUS! IF
WE COULD ONLY GET OUR
HANDS ON THOSE
WEAPONS...

YES, GARGUAX!
WE COULD FORCE THE
INJUSTICE GANG TO ADMIT
US—AND DEMOLISH THE
DOOM PATROL IN OUR
SPARE TIME!
HAHAHAHA!



HEAR
THAT? WE'D
BETTER NOTIFY
MR. LUTHOR
AT ONCE!

SOON, IN THE PLUSHEST, LOFTIEST REACHES OF METROPOLIS'S MAMMOTH LEXCORP TOWER...

WHY, THAT'S JUST TERRIFIC! THANK YOU, MS. LUTTWAK!

OH. I MEAN...

WHA—
WHAT DID YOU SAY, SIR?

MR. LUTHOR, SIR? OUR SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE UNIT REPORTS THAT IMMORTUS AND GARGUAX HAVE SWALLOWED THE BAIT!

...EXCELLENT.

COMMENCE OUR PREARRANGED CHARADE PRECISELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE DOOM PATROL ARRIVES! I WILL, SIR, BROOK NO FAILURE!

Y-YES, SIR!

MERCIFUL RAO! HOW DOES HE KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY?

I'D LIKE TO DROP THIS PRETENSE AND LEVEL WITH THE DOOM PATROL! BUT IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME, IT'LL MAKE THE SITUATION IMPOSSIBLE TO MANAGE!

MR. LUTHOR? THE DOOM PATROL ARE HERE, SIR!

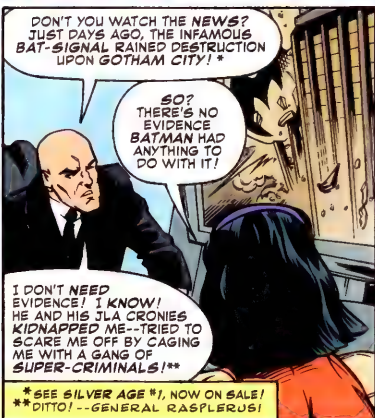
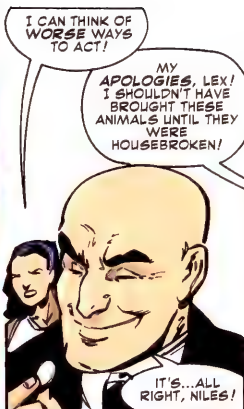
BZZT

GIVE ME A MINUTE, THEN SHOW THEM IN --

WHRAK

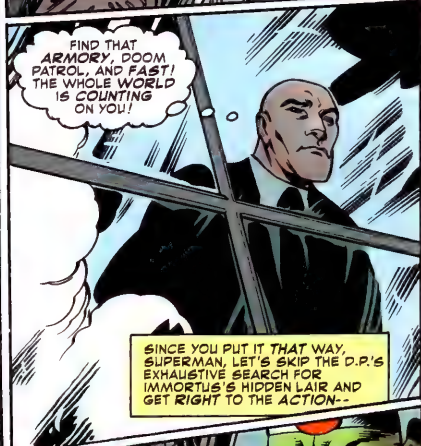
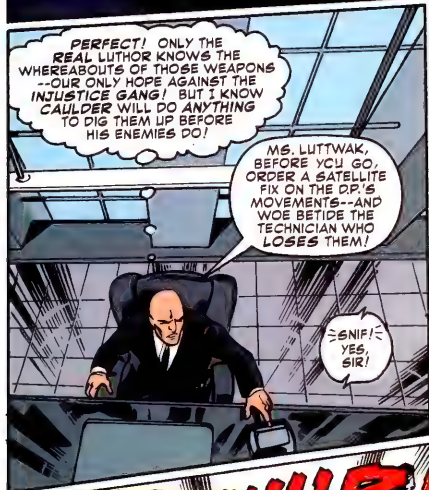
WHOOPS! CLUMSY ME!

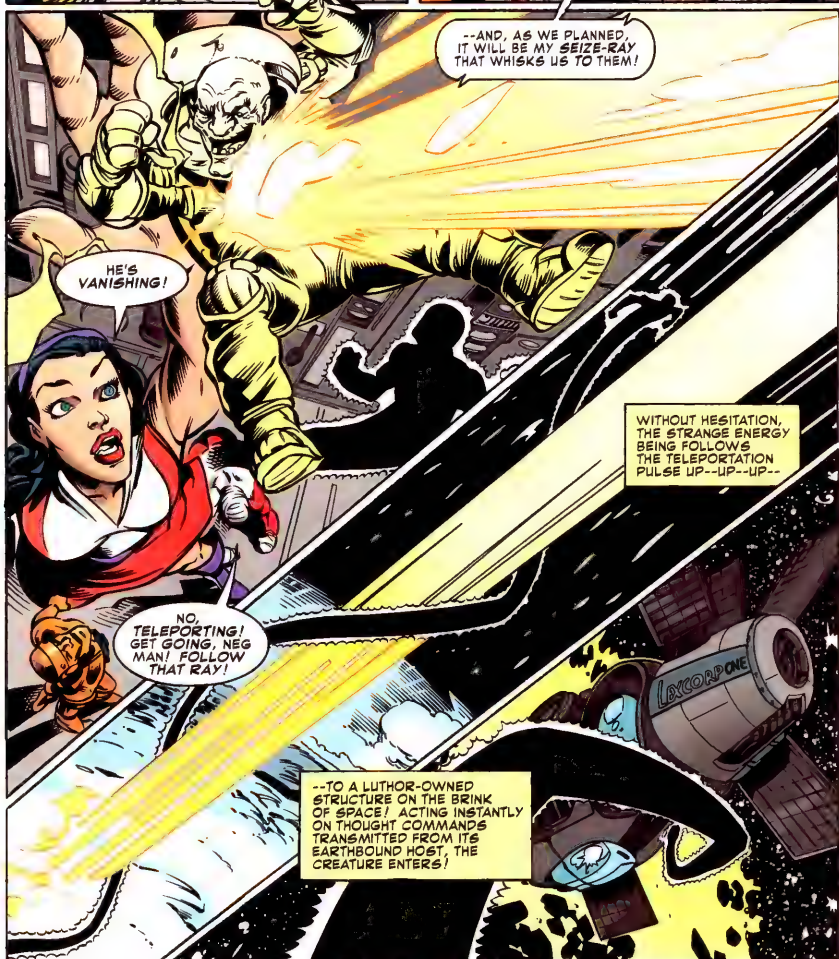
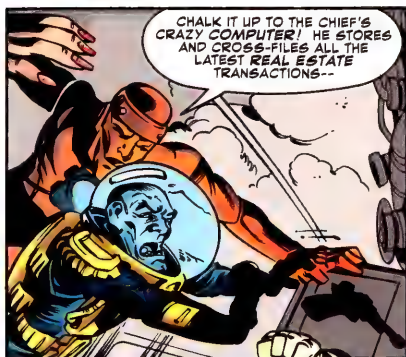
ROBOTMAN!
NO!



*SEE SILVER AGE *, NOW ON SALE!
**DITTO! --GENERAL RASPLERUS!









AAAAH!
IT'S NEGATIVE
MAN!

STOP
WHIMPERING,
IMMORTUS, AND
ACT YOUR AGE!
ABSENT TIME TO
PROPERLY STUDY
THESE
ARMAMENTS--



--I WAGER THIS
ANTI-FLASH GUN IS
BEST SUITED TO
STOP THAT MEDDLING
SILHOUETTE!

HA!
DIRECT
HIT!

SKRAK



WHAT
IS IT,
LARRY?

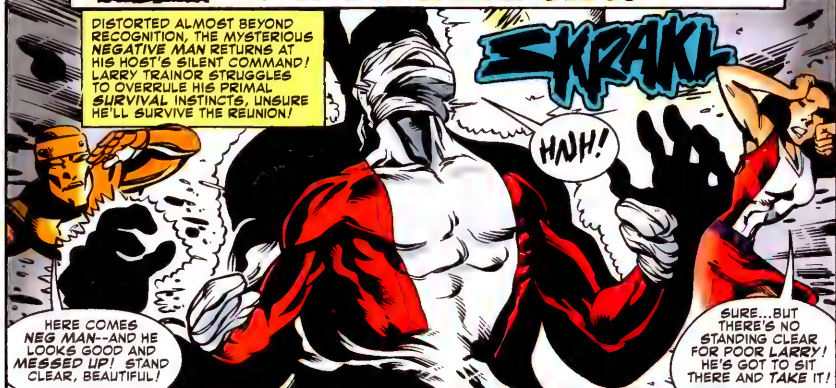
NEG MAN!
HE'S BEEN...
INJURED
SOMEHOW! I
DON'T...KNOW
IF I CAN
REINTEGRATE
HIM...
SAFELY!

YOU GOTTA
RISK IT, BUDDY--
AND NOW! COUPLE
MORE TICKS OF
THE CLOCK AND
YOU'RE DEAD
FOR SURE!

THIS LOOKS BAD! OUR VILLAINS TOOK CONTROL
OF THE SUPER-ARMORY LESS THAN A MINUTE AGO,
AND ALREADY THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBER OF
THE DOOM PATROL MAY BE DONE IN! THE ACTION
ACCELERATES IN CHAPTER THREE!

WAR of the SUPER-WEAPONS! CHAPTER 3

DISTORTED ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION, THE MYSTERIOUS NEGATIVE MAN RETURNS AT HIS HOST'S SILENT COMMAND! LARRY TRAINER STRUGGLES TO OVERRULE HIS PRIMAL SURVIVAL INSTINCTS, UNSURE HE'LL SURVIVE THE REUNION!



HERE COMES NEG MAN--AND HE LOOKS GOOD AND MESSED UP! STAND CLEAR, BEAUTIFUL!

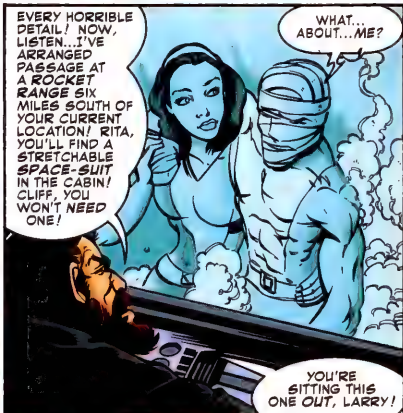
SURE...BUT THERE'S NO STANDING AROUND FOR POOR LARRY! HE'S GOT TO SIT THERE AND TAKE IT!



THAT DIDN'T LOOK GOOD, LARRY!

DIDN'T...FEEL TOO GREAT, EITHER! INSIDES...BOUNCING AROUND LIKE A VOLLEYBALL AT A BEACH BUM'S CONVENTION!

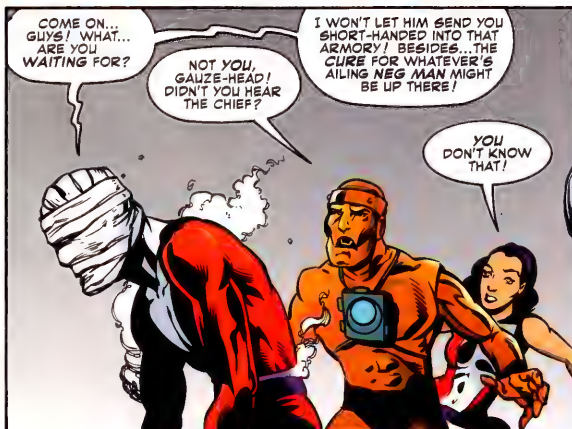
CHIEF? YOU GETTING ALL THIS?



EVERY HORRIBLE DETAIL! NOW, LISTEN...I'VE ARRANGED PASSAGE AT A ROCKET RANGE SIX MILES SOUTH OF YOUR CURRENT LOCATION! RITA, YOU'LL FIND A STRETCHABLE SPACE-SUIT IN THE CABIN! CLIFF, YOU WON'T NEED ONE!

WHAT...ABOUT...ME?

YOU'RE SITTING THIS ONE OUT, LARRY!



COME ON...GUYS! WHAT...ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

NOT YOU, GAUZE-HEAD! DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE CHIEF?

I WON'T LET HIM SEND YOU SHORT-HANDED INTO THAT ARMORY! BESIDES...THE CURE FOR WHATEVER'S AILING NEG MAN MIGHT BE UP THERE!

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!



IT SURE ISN'T...ANYWHERE ELSE!

SHORTLY, ABOARD
LUTHOR'S
DEATH-SATELLITE...

THIS IS LIKE
CHRISTMAS!

LIKE
WHAT?

NEVER MIND! SEE
THIS ANTI-ATOM GUN? IT
GENERATES A COMPRESSIBLE
WAVE SHELL DENSE
ENOUGH TO CRUSH AN ATOM!

OR AN ELASTI-GIRL!
HEEEHEEEEEE!

THOSE LEXCORP INVENTORS ARE BRILLIANT--
FOR EARTHLINGS, ANYWAY! THE ANTI-FLASH
WEAPON IS AN INFINITE FRICTION ENHANCER!
NEGATIVE MAN MOST LIKELY BURN'T UP ON
REENTRY!

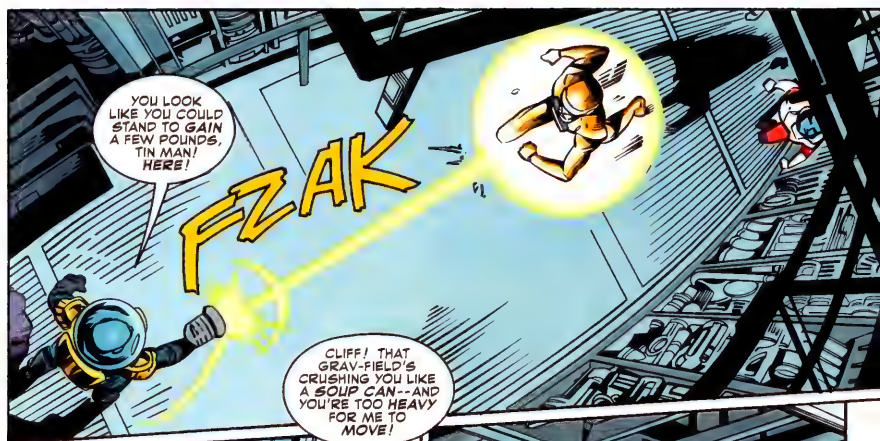
I
WONDER
WHAT THIS
ANTI-
MANHUNTER
ONE
DOES?

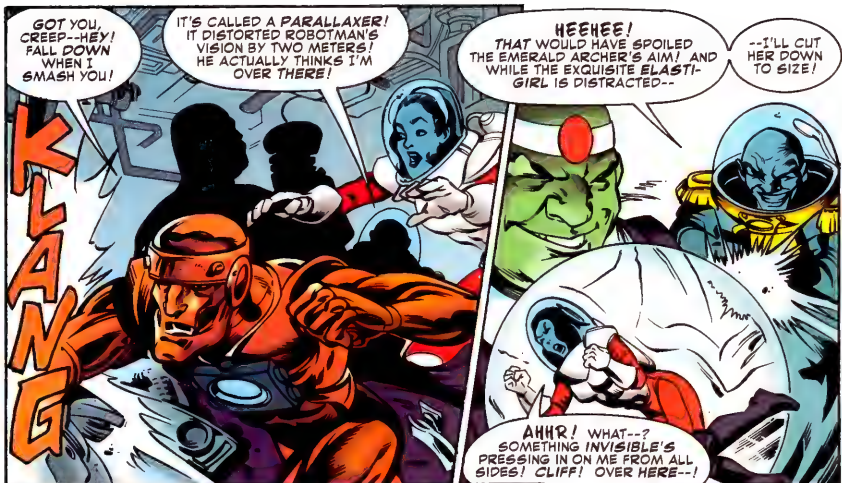
hmmm...
FROM THE
CONTROLS,
I'D VENTURE
IT'S A GRAVITY-
ALTERING
MARTIAN-
CRUSHER!

THEN IT
OUGHTTA
WORK ON
YOU,
LARDO!

THE DOOM
PATROL? I'M
IMPRESSED!

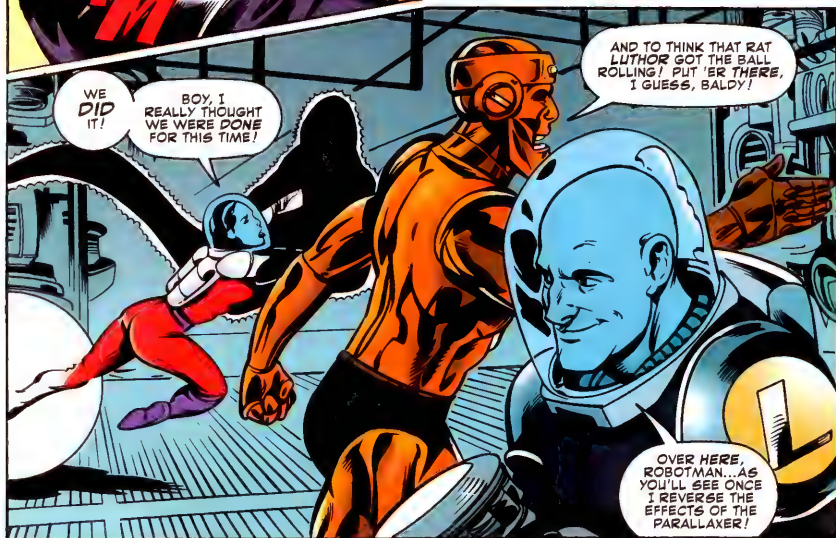
AND I'M DELIGHTED!
YOU JUST SAVED US THE
BOTHER OF HUNTING YOU DOWN!

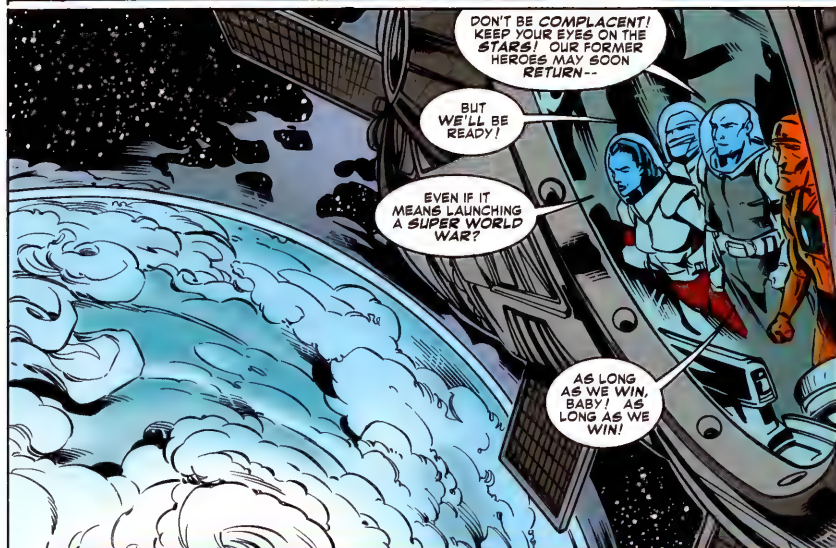






AND WHAT WOULD BE SO BAD ABOUT THAT?





THIS IS WHERE WE USUALLY SAY, "COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR ANOTHER WILD ADVENTURE OF THE FABULOUS DOOM PATROL!" — BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK TO US LIKE POOR MOMMA EARTH WILL LAST ANOTHER MONTH! SO, DEAR READER, JUST IN CASE THINGS DON'T WORK OUT IN THE FORTHCOMING SILVER AGE 80-PAGE GIANT #2, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BID YOU A WISTFUL AND FOND...ADIEU!

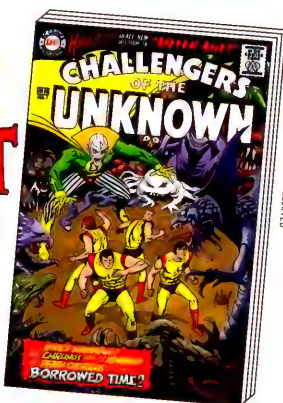


For THE
VERY
BEST



in COMICS
READING

ON SALE NOW!



GREEN LANTERN

SINISTRO, THE RENEGADE GREEN LANTERN, BRUTALLY BEATING THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA?

HOW COULD THIS BE? AND MORE-- HOW COULD THE FATE OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE REST ON THE EMIR OF EVIL CONQUERING NOT ONLY THE JLA-- BUT HIMSELF?

YOU'LL FIND ALL THE ANSWERS IN THE SENSATIONAL 3-PART NOVEL THAT FOLLOWS-- AS GREEN LANTERN FINDS HIMSELF IN SOME VERY UNUSUAL STRAITS, AND HAS TO STAND--

ALONE... AGAINST INJUSTICE!

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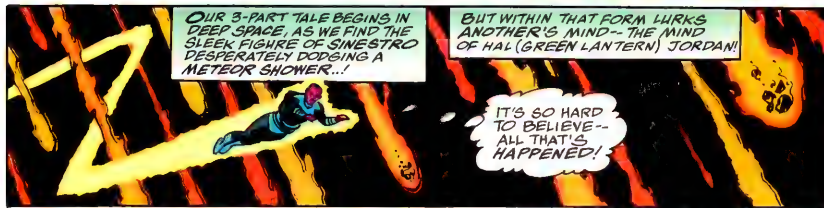
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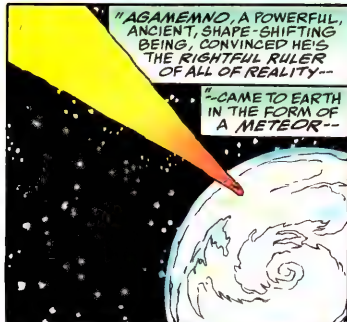
LAST STAND ON THANAGAR!



OUR 3-PART TALE BEGINS IN DEEP SPACE, AS WE FIND THE SLEEK FIGURE OF SINESTRO DESPERATELY DODGING A METEOR SHOWER...

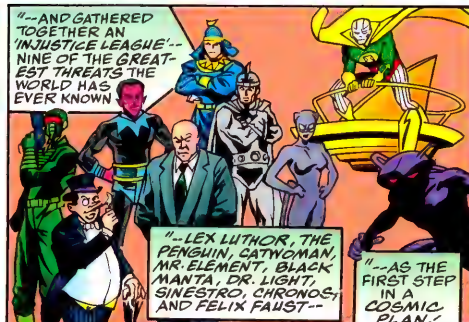
BUT WITHIN THAT FORM LURKS ANOTHER'S MIND-- THE MIND OF HAL (GREEN LANTERN) JORDAN!

IT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE-- ALL THAT'S HAPPENED!



"AGAMEMNO, A POWERFUL, ANCIENT, SHAPE-SHIFTING BEING, CONVINCED HE'S THE RIGHTFUL RULER OF ALL OF REALITY--

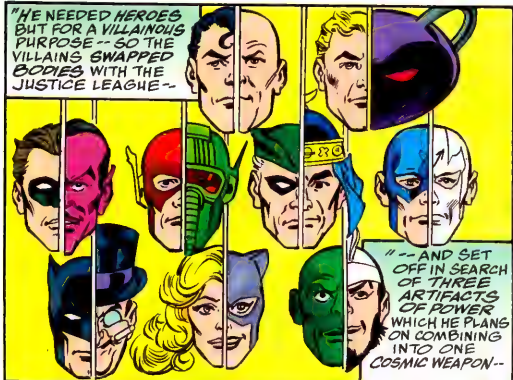
--CAME TO EARTH IN THE FORM OF A METEOR--



"--AND GATHERED TOGETHER AN 'INJUSTICE LEAGUE'-- NINE OF THE GREATEST THREATS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

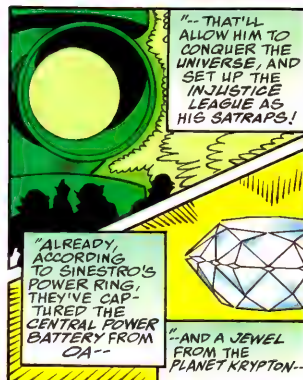
"--LEX LUTHOR, THE PENGUIN, CATWOMAN, MR. ELEMENT, BLACK MANTA, DR. LIGHT, SINESTRO, CHRONOS, AND FELIX FAUST--

"--AS THE FIRST STEP IN A COSMIC PLAN."



"HE NEEDED HEROES BUT FOR A VILLAINOUS PURPOSE-- SO THE VILLAINS SWAPPED BODIES WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--

"--AND SET OFF IN SEARCH OF THREE ARTIFACTS OF POWER WHICH HE PLANS ON COMBINING INTO ONE COSMIC WEAPON--



"-- THAT'LL ALLOW HIM TO CONQUER THE UNIVERSE, AND SET UP THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE AS HIS SATRAPS!

"ALREADY, ACCORDING TO SINESTRO'S POWER RING, THEY'VE CAPTURED THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY FROM OA--

"--AND A JEWEL FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON--



-- AND NOW THEY'RE HEADED FOR THANAGAR, FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL ARTIFACT.

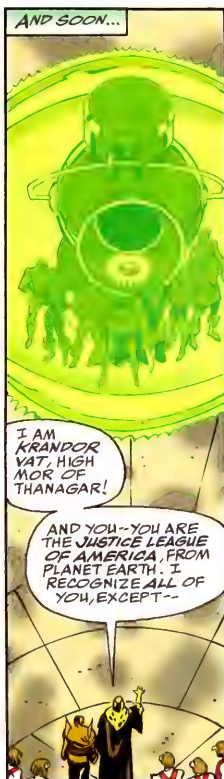
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE BEFORE THEY REACH IT. AND STOP THEM--OR THE UNIVERSE IS DOOMED!



AT THAT MOMENT,
ON THE PLANET
THANAGAR...

TANDIL!
LOOK--
DESCENDING
FROM THE
SKY!

CONTACT
THE HAWK-
POLICE!
THEY'LL
KNOW HOW
TO DEAL
WITH IT!



AND SOON...

I AM
KRANDOR
VAT, HIGH
MOR OF
THANAGAR!

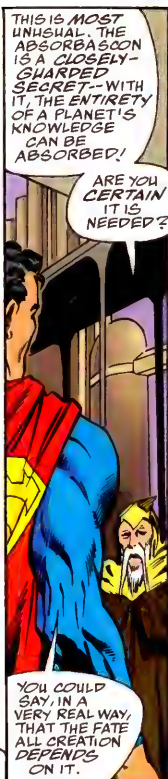
AND YOU--YOU ARE
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE
OF AMERICA, FROM
PLANET EARTH. I
RECOGNIZE ALL OF
YOU, EXCEPT--



THIS IS
AGAMEMNO,
OUR... LATEST
RECRUIT. I WOULD
GLADLY FILL YOU IN
ON HIS DARING
EXPLOITS, BUT
I'M AFRAID
THERE'S NO
TIME!
WE'RE HERE ON
A SERIOUS
MATTER-- WE
MUST BORROW
YOUR PLANET'S
GREATEST
ACHIEVEMENT--

--THE
ABSORB-
ASCON!

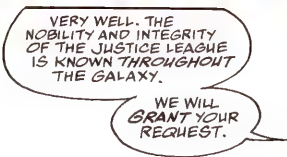
THE
ABSORBASCON?!



THIS IS MOST
UNUSUAL. THE
ABSORBASCON
IS A CLOSELY-
GUARDED
SECRET-- WITH
IT, THE ENTIRETY
OF A PLANET'S
KNOWLEDGE
CAN BE
ABSORBED!

ARE YOU
CERTAIN
IT IS
NEEDED?

YOU COULD
SAY, IN A
VERY REAL WAY,
THAT THE FATE
ALL CREATION
DEPENDS
ON IT.



VERY WELL. THE
NOBILITY AND INTEGRITY
OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE
IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT
THE GALAXY.

WE WILL
GRANT YOUR
REQUEST.



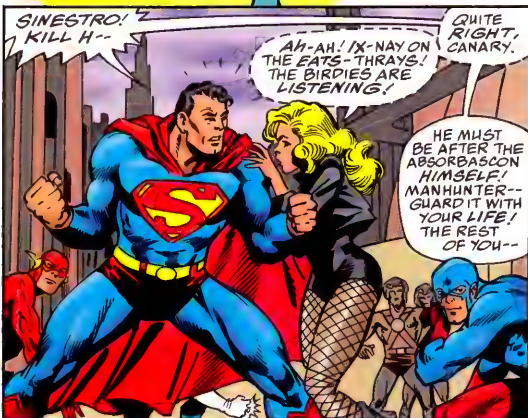
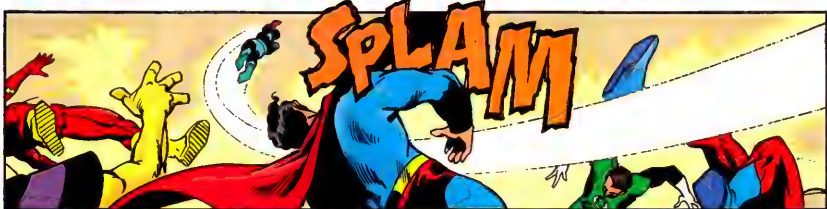
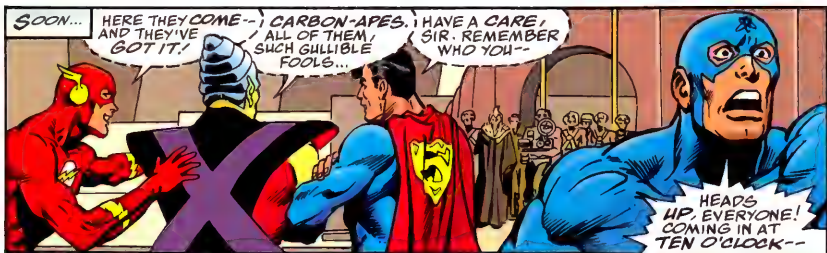
AND ONCE
KRANDOR
VAT AND HIS
HONOR GUARD
ARE GONE...

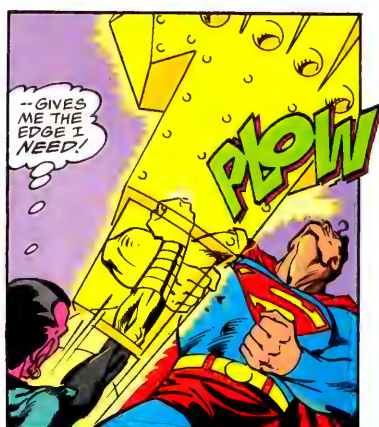
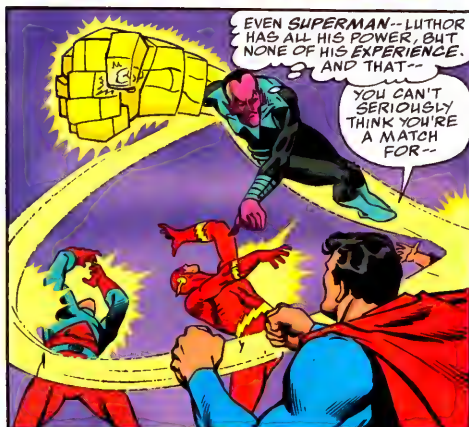
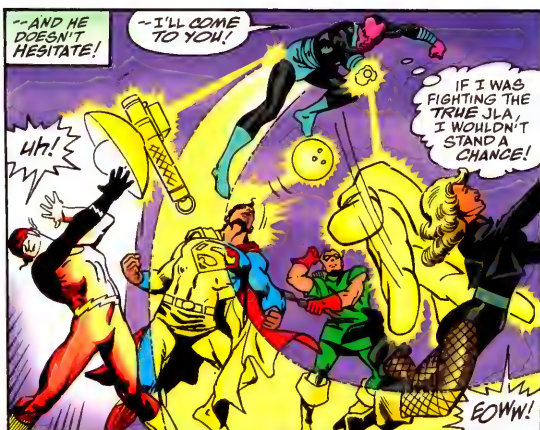
HA! THE SAPS
FELL FOR IT LIKE
A TON OF
BRICKS!

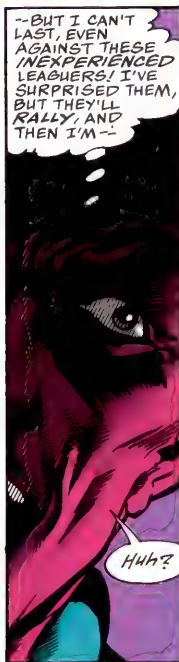
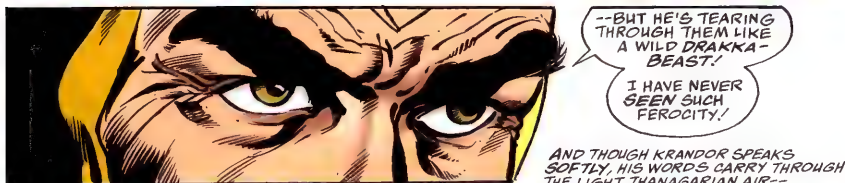
SILENCE, FOOL!
IF YOU EXPOSE
US--!

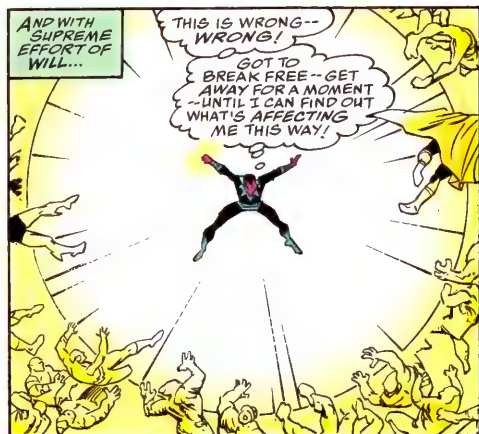
IF ONLY PENGY
COULD BE HERE
TO SEE THIS...*

*THE PENGUIN, IN BATMAN'S BODY,
IS STILL ON EARTH, AND ON VIEW IN
THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #1--DAN









ROCKETING AWAY FROM THE STARTLED INJUSTICE LEAGUE, HAL JORDAN GAINS SOME HEIGHT, AND--

RING! THERE'S SOME SORT OF OUTSIDE FORCE AFFECTING ME -- AFFECTING MY MIND! CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT IT IS?

I ALREADY
KNOW
WHAT IT IS.
I AM
AFFECTING
YOU!

WH-WHAT?!

GREEN LANTERN RINGS
ARE MADE WITH A
NECESSARY IMPURITY
THAT PREVENTS THEM
FROM AFFECTING ANY-
THING YELLOW, AS YOU
KNOW.

IF NOT FOR THIS IMPURITY,
UNCHECKED EXPOSURE TO
THE RING WOULD OVER-
WHELM THE WEARER
--DRIVE HIM
POWER
MAD!

I, OF COURSE,
HAVE NO SUCH
IMPURITY.

FOR MY NORMAL
WEARER, SINESTRO,
THIS IS NOT A CONCERN--
HIS MENTAL PROFILE IS
ALREADY TOO WARPED
TO AFFECT.

1. BUT YOURS IS A
HEALTHY MIND, A
VULNERABLE MIND. YOU
CANNOT WEAR ME FOR
MUCH LONGER--

--WITHOUT BEING
RENDERED PERMANENTLY,
IRREVOCABLY
INSANE!

STORY
CONTINUES
ON FOLLOWING
PAGE!



For **THE
VERY
BEST**



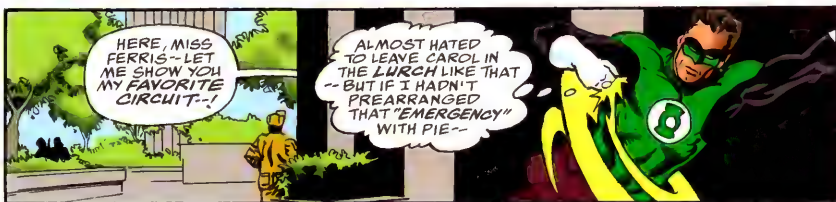
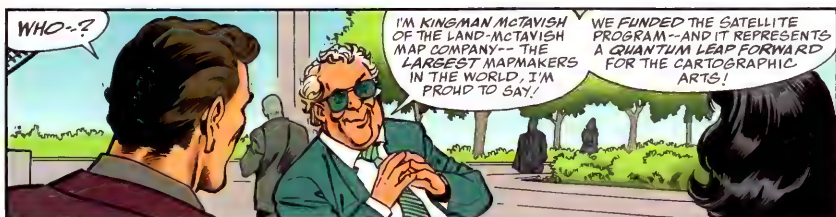
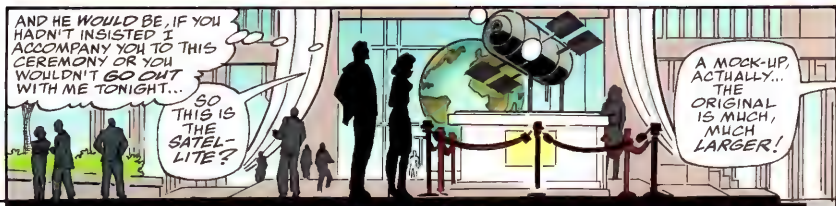
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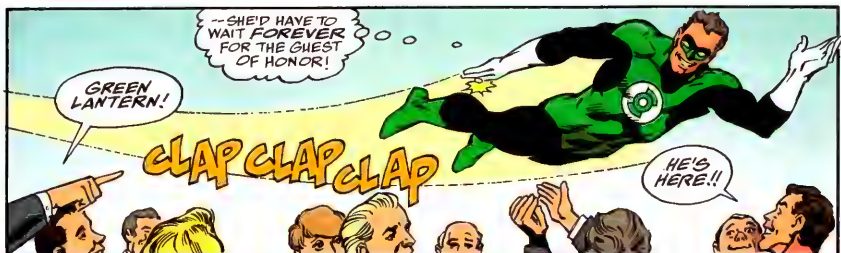
ON SALE THIS WEEK!



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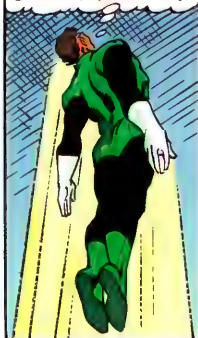






WITH AN ARCH OF HIS BACK AND A QUICK KICK OF HIS LEGS, THE EMERALD GLADIATOR SOARS UP--UP--

THEY COULD HAVE DONE THIS AUTOMATICALLY, BUT LAND-MCTAVISH AND FERRIS AIRCRAFT WANTED TO MAKE A PUBLICITY SPLASH--SO CAROL ASKED ME TO ACTIVATE THE SATELLITE, NOW THAT IT'S IN ORBIT, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS-- GREAT GUARDIANS!



THE NEW SATELLITE! IT'S FALLING! I'D BETTER--

BUT BEFORE GREEN LANTERN CAN DO MORE THAN TAKE IN THE SIGHT BEFORE HIM--



NOT WHAT, GREEN LANTERN--



YOU SEEM SURPRISED. I DON'T KNOW WHY.

AFTER ALL, THIS IS THE PERFECT REVENGE. I GET TO HUMILIATE YOU, AND TO RUIN THE LAND-MCTAVISH CORPORATION--

~BY DROPPING THEIR
PRECIOUS SATELLITE
RIGHT ONTO THEIR
HEADS!



BUT THE
EMERALD
GLADIATOR
IS NOT
LISTENING.
INSTEAD,
HE'S
DIVING--



THIS IS
INSANE!

SONAR'S NEVER
WANTED ANYTHING
MORE THAN TO
PUT HIS TINY HOME-
LAND, MODORA,
"ON THE MAP!"

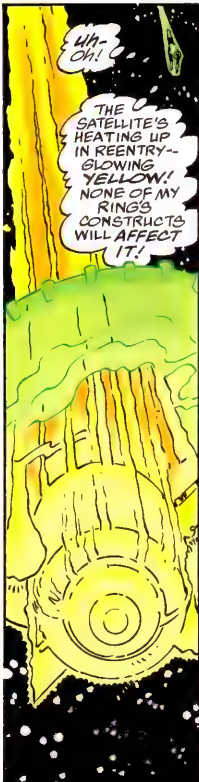
IT'S TOO SMALL
TO BE INCLUDED ON
MOST MAPS-- BUT
I HAD NO IDEA HE'D
TAKE REVENGE ON
THE WORLD'S BIGGEST
MAPMAKER FOR
LEAVING IT OUT!



STILL, IT
SHOULDN'T BE A
PROBLEM-- ALL I HAVE
TO DO IS CATCH--

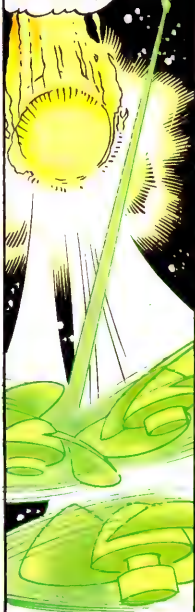
UH-
OH!

THE
SATELLITE'S
HEATING UP
IN REENTRY--
GLOWING
YELLOW!
NONE OF MY
RINGS' CONSTRUCTS
WILL AFFECT
IT!

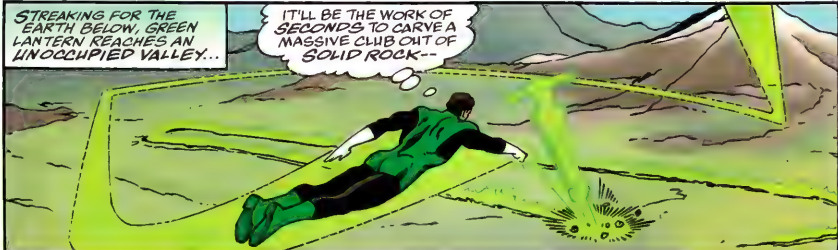


STILL, I CAN
AFFECT THINGS
AROUND IT, AND IF
I CREATE ENOUGH
OF AN UPDRAFT--

NO GOOD. IT'S
TOO HEAVY.
I'LL HAVE TO
BE MORE
DIRECT!

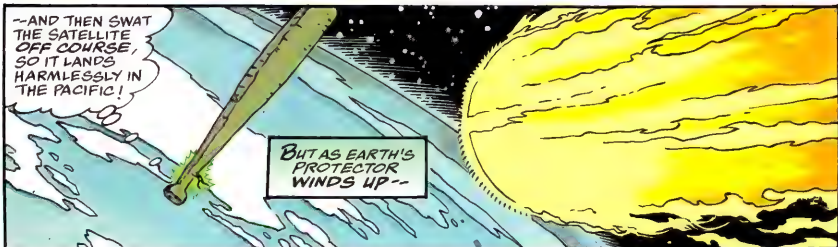


STREAKING FOR THE
EARTH BELOW, GREEN
LANTERN REACHES AN
UNOCCUPIED VALLEY...

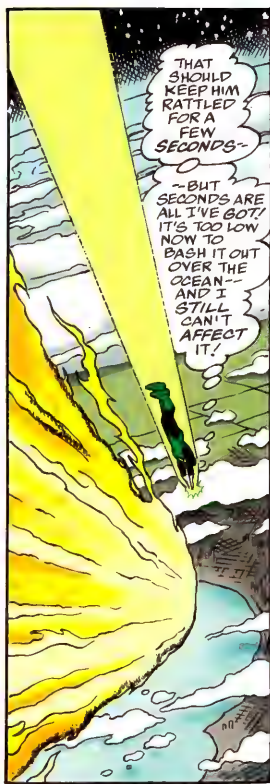


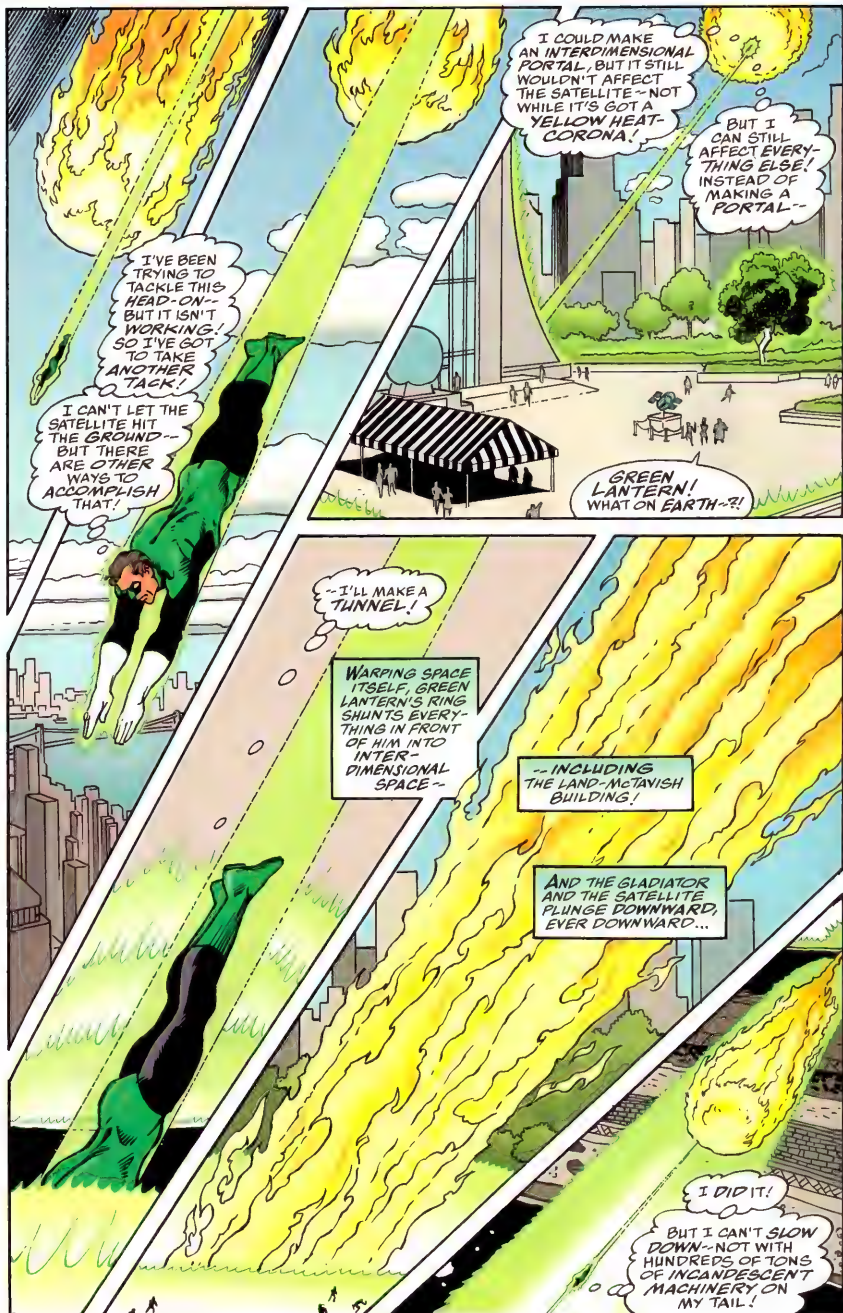
IT'LL BE THE WORK OF
SECONDS TO CARVE A
MASSIVE CLUB OUT OF
SOLID ROCK--

--AND THEN SWAT
THE SATELLITE
OFF COURSE,
SO IT LANDS
HARMLESSLY IN
THE PACIFIC!



BUT AS EARTH'S
PROTECTOR
WINDS UP--





I COULD MAKE AN INTERDIMENSIONAL PORTAL, BUT IT STILL WOULDN'T AFFECT THE SATELLITE--NOT WHILE IT'S GOT A YELLOW HEAT-CORONA!

BUT I CAN STILL AFFECT EVERYTHING ELSE! INSTEAD OF MAKING A PORTAL--

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TACKLE THIS HEAD-ON-- BUT IT ISN'T WORKING! SO I'VE GOT TO TAKE ANOTHER TACK!

I CAN'T LET THE SATELLITE HIT THE GROUND-- BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO ACCOMPLISH THAT!

GREEN LANTERN! WHAT ON EARTH--?!

--I'LL MAKE A TUNNEL!

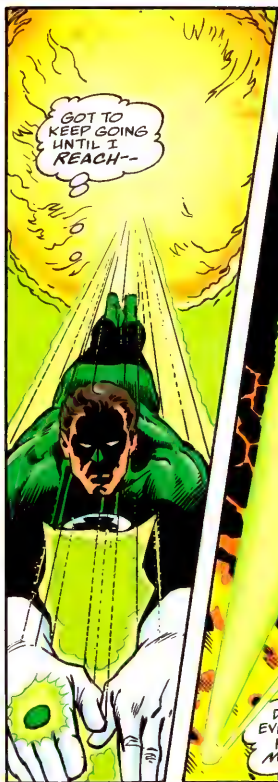
WARPING SPACE ITSELF, GREEN LANTERN'S RING SHUNTS EVERYTHING IN FRONT OF HIM INTO INTER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE--

--INCLUDING THE LAND-McTAVISH BUILDING!

AND THE GLADIATOR AND THE SATELLITE PLUNGE DOWNWARD, EVER DOWNWARD...

I DID IT!

BUT I CAN'T SLOW DOWN--NOT WITH HUNDREDS OF TONS OF INCANDESCENT MACHINERY ON MY TAIL!



GOT TO KEEP GOING UNTIL I REACH--

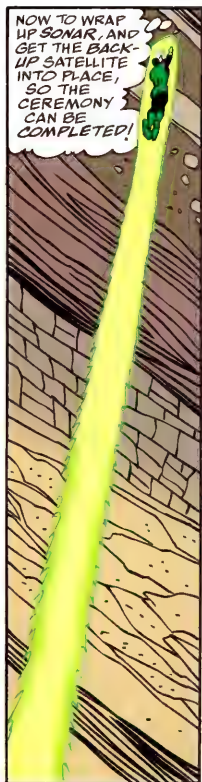


--THE CENTER OF THE EARTH!

HERE, GRAVITY WON'T PULL THE SATELLITE ALONG--IT'LL DRAG IT BACK! EVENTUALLY, IT'LL RUN OUT OF MOMENTUM AND--



THERE! IT'S NOT A THREAT ANYMORE -- NOT DOWN HERE!



NOW TO WRAP UP SONAR, AND GET THE BACK-UP SATELLITE INTO PLACE, SO THE CEREMONY CAN BE COMPLETED!



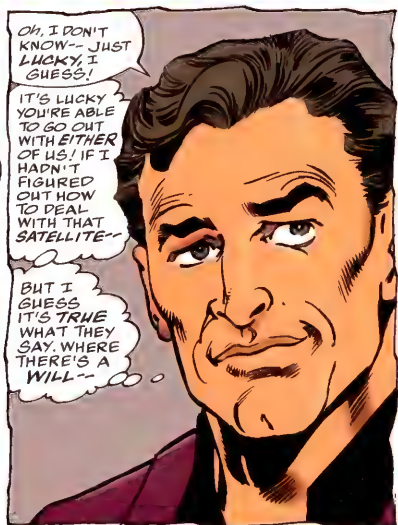
AND SHORTLY, ONCE THAT'S DONE...

HI, CAROL! I MANAGED TO FIX THAT LITTLE PROBLEM, AND GOT BACK AS SOON AS I COULD!

SO--YOU ABOUT READY FOR DINNER?

HAL JORDAN! WHY DO I WIND UP GOING OUT WITH AN UNDEPENDABLE GOOFBALL LIKE YOU--

--INSTEAD OF GREEN LANTERN?



OH, I DON'T KNOW-- JUST LUCKY, I GUESS!

IT'S LUCKY YOU'RE ABLE TO GO OUT WITH EITHER OF US! IF I HADN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT SATELLITE--

BUT I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY. WHERE THERE'S A WILL--

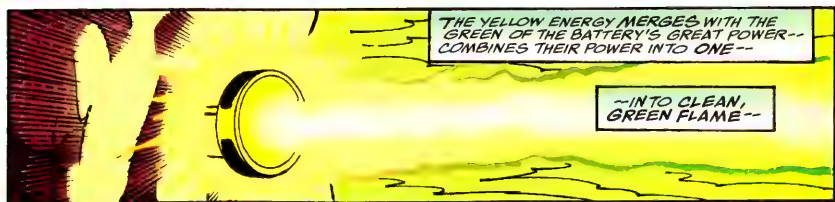
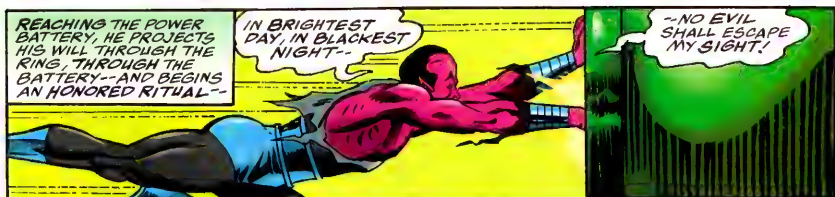
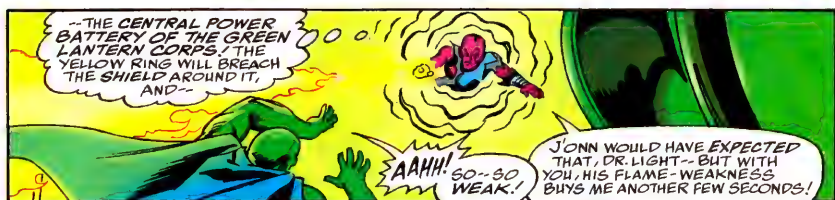
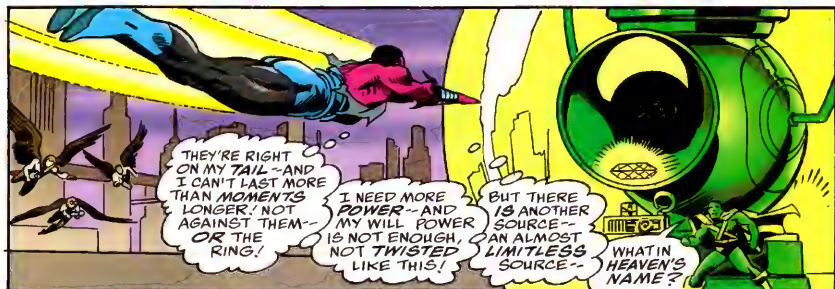


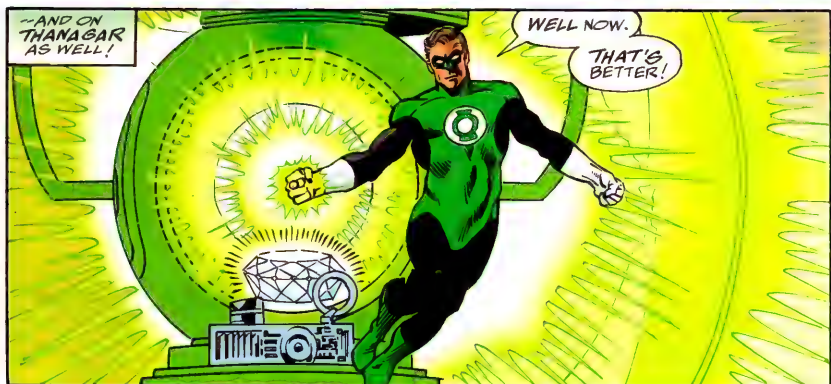
AN *All-New* STUNNER!

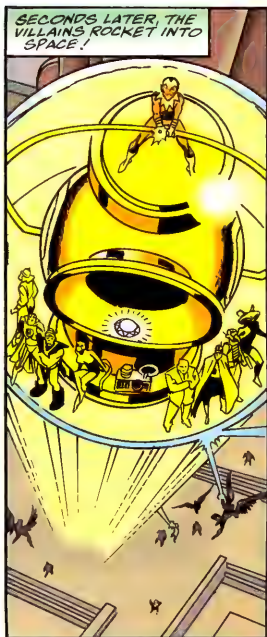
A 51-PAGE MASTERPIECE STARRING ALL THE DC HEROES!

PLUS: A SELECTION OF NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN SURPRISES FROM THE DC VAULTS ON SALE NEXT WEEK!

CHAPTER THREE: ASSAULT..ON A BATTERY!







FOR HOURS, GREEN LANTERN
RELENTLESSLY PURSUES THE
INJUSTICE LEAGUE ACROSS
SPACE...

...SOMETIMES GAINING,
SOMETIMES FALLING
BACK...

SINESTRO'S SPEED AND
MINE ARE TOO WELL-
MATCHED--NOT THAT
IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

THEY THINK THEY'LL GET
WHEREVER THEY'RE HEADED
AND SET UP A DEFENSE
BEFORE I CAN CATCH UP,
BUT--

"--THEY'VE
GOT A
SURPRISE
COMING!"

HALT,
MALEFACTORS!

THE
GREEN
LANTERN
CORPS!!

YES--DID
YOU THINK
EARTH'S GREEN
LANTERN
WOULD NOT
ALERT
US?!

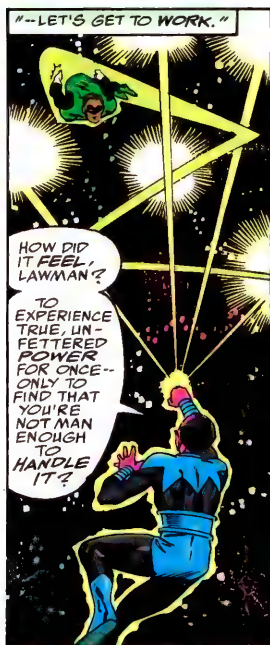
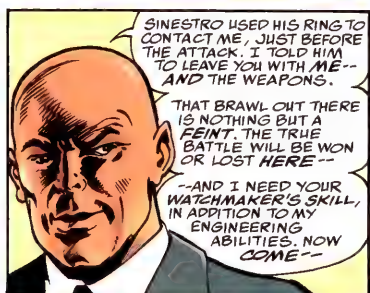
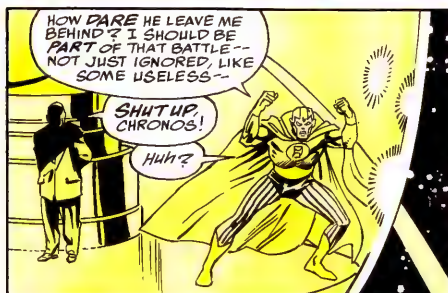
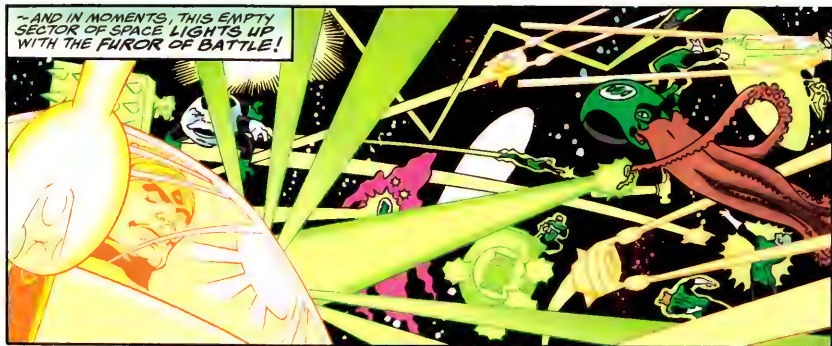
AS SOON
AS YOU FLED
THANAGAR,
HE CONTACTED
US--AND WE
CAME TO
INTERCEPT
YOU!

BUT SINESTRO REACTS
WITH THE SPEED OF
THOUGHT...

PFAUGH!
THEY'RE
STILL POWERLESS
AGAINST YELLOW
ENERGY! ATTACK,
MY ALLIES--

--AND WE'LL
REACH OUR
GOALS OVER
THEIR
BROKEN,
BLEEDING
BODIES!

THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE
HURTLES FORWARD,
THE GREEN LANTERN
CORPS RESPONDS--





FOR GIL

CONTINUED--THIS WEEK!--AS **SHOWCASE** PRESENTS:

The **7 Soldiers of Victory**

SHOWCASE presents

The 7 Soldiers of Victory

IN THE CENTER SPOTLIGHT, YOU'LL SEE THE JLA OR TEEN TITANS KEEPING OUR WORLD SAFE. BUT BEHIND THE CURTAINS, AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC EYE, A RAG-TAG TEAM OF OFFBEAT HEROES BATTLE EVIL IN THE DARKEST CORNERS OF THE UNIVERSE! TOGETHER, THESE SUPER-SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN DUBBED BY THEIR ENIGMATIC LEADER-- THE SEVEN SOLDIERS OF VICTORY!

MY ADOPTED PLANET OF RANN HAS BEEN DESTROYED, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO--

--AND
EARTH
IS NEXT!



ROLL CALL!

INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW SHINING KNIGHT WITH DEADMAN ADAM STRANGE METAMORPHO BATGIRL MENTO BLACKHAWK!

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HAPPY HARBOR, RHODE ISLAND.

IT'S BEEN A ROUGH FEW DAYS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPERTEAM.

I'VE GOTTA FIND HIM. I KNOW BATMAN WOULD NEVER DO THIS.

AND IT'S ABOUT TO GET WORSE.

NORMALLY THE HIGH-TECH SECURITY OF THE JLA'S CAVERNOUS HEADQUARTERS WOULD KEEP CURIOUS SPIES OUT--

--BUT BEING A GHOST SOMETIMES HAS ITS ADVANTAGES.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE FRAMED YOU GUYS! IT'S NUTS! YOU MUST BE WANTED IN EVERY CORNER OF THE U.S.!

RIGHT YOU ARE, SNAPPER.

THERE'S BATMAN! AND THE JLA'S "MASCOT" SNAPPER CARR. TIME FOR DEADMAN TO JUMP INTO SNAPPER'S BODY AND ASK BATS WHAT'S GOING ON.

HOO HAH! IF THIS YOUNG PUNK KNEW THE REAL REASON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WAS "FRAMED"--WOULD HIS FEATHERS BE RUFFLED!

WHAT?! PENGUIN?! WHAT'D YOU DO TO BATMAN?

OH, DRAT!

WHAT KIND OF BODY-SWAPPING TRICK IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON?

PENGUIN! IT'S LUTHOR. THANKS TO GREEN LANTERN AND HIS FRIENDS, WE'RE BACK IN OUR ORIGINAL BODIES...

BUT WE'VE ACQUIRED THE LAST OF THE THREE WEAPONS-- A JEWEL FRAGMENT FROM KRYPTON. ONCE WE ASSEMBLE IT WITH THE ABSORBASCON AND THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY, WE'LL BECOME INVINCIBLE!

WE'RE STOPPING ON THE PLANET RANN. BUT WE'LL SOON BE BACK--

--AND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA WILL BE NOTHING BUT A FAINT MEMORY.

LUTHOR OUT.

OH, MAN. I'VE GOTTA--

--NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP US!

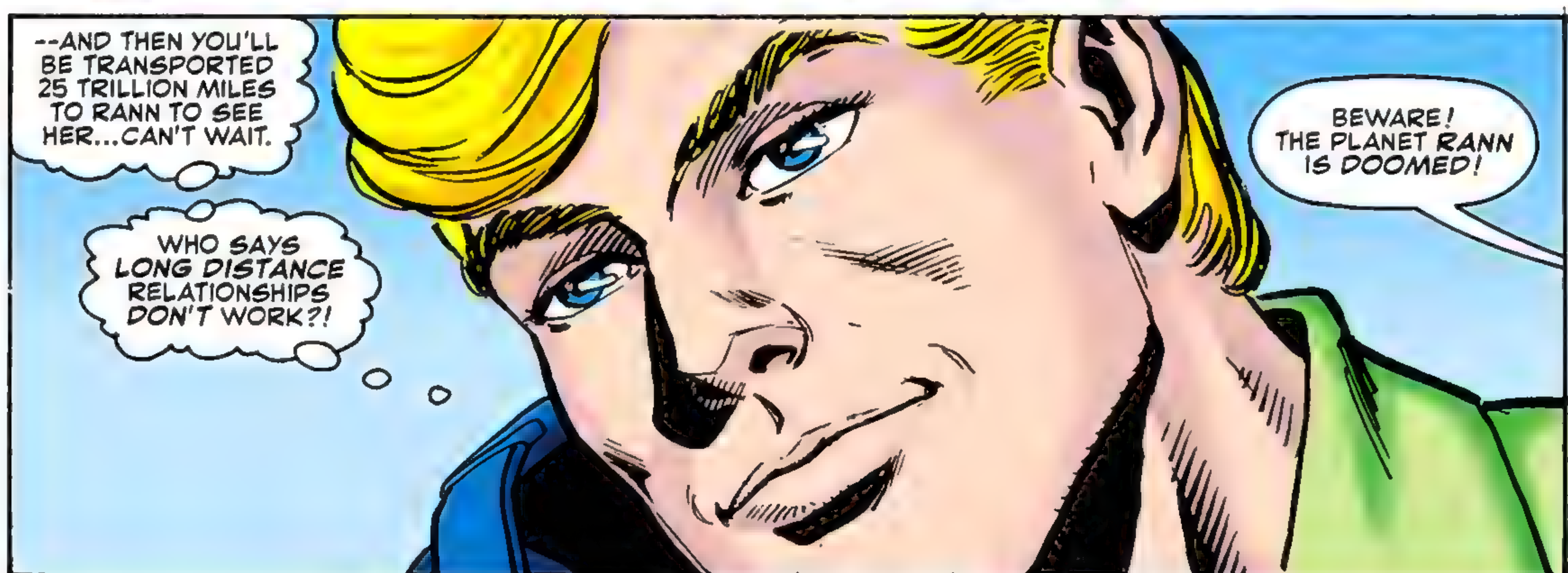
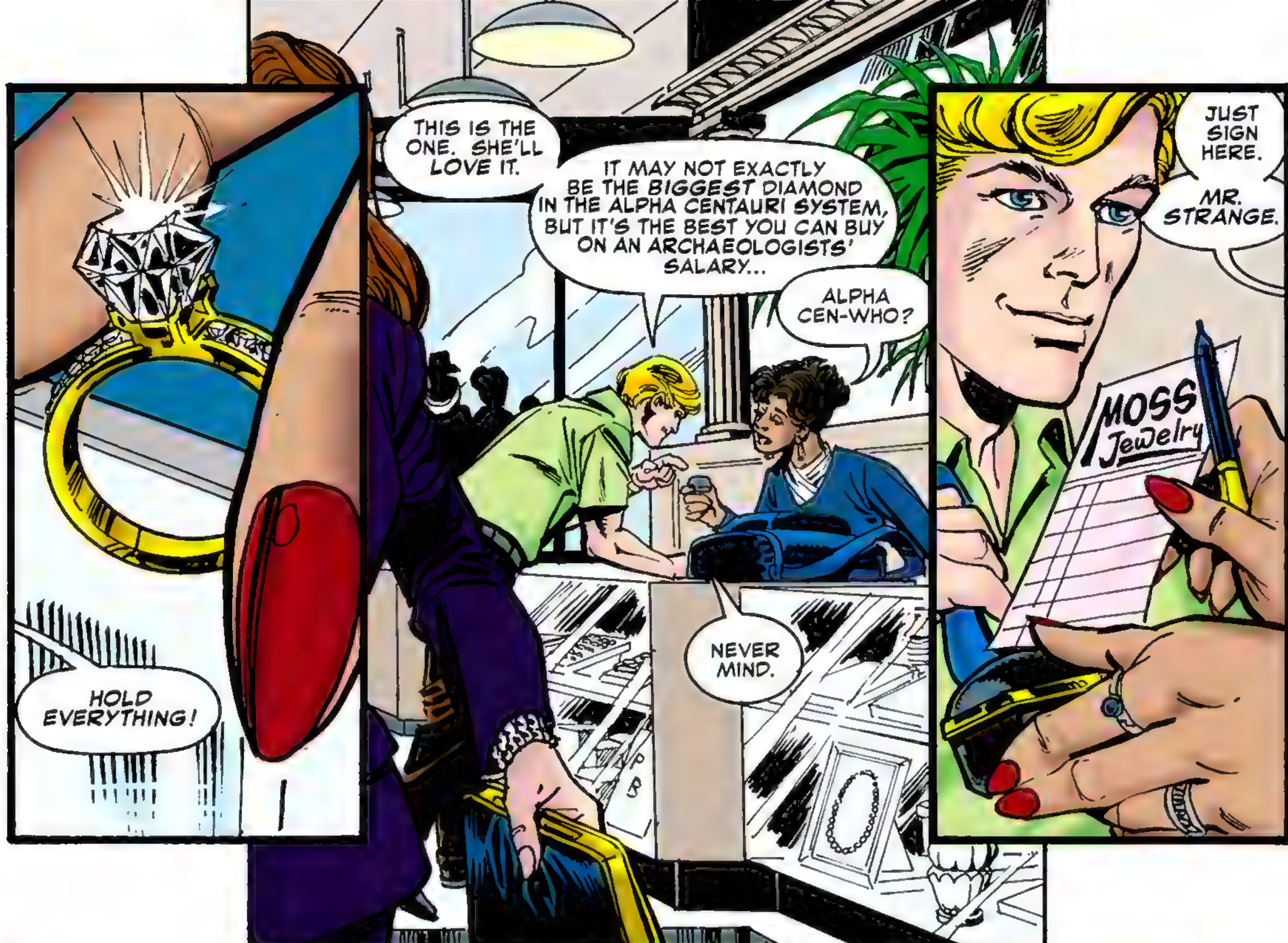
LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT. BATMAN'S NO CROOK. ANYMORE AT LEAST.

WAUGH! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, PUNK!

AND ONCE LUTHOR FLIES BACK HOME--

BUT I NEED TO GET SOMEONE TO INTERCEPT LUTHOR AND HIS GANG QUICK--

--AND THERE'S ONLY ONE GUY I KNOW FOR THAT JOB. NOTHING WOULD KEEP HIM FROM DEFENDING THE PLANET RANN.



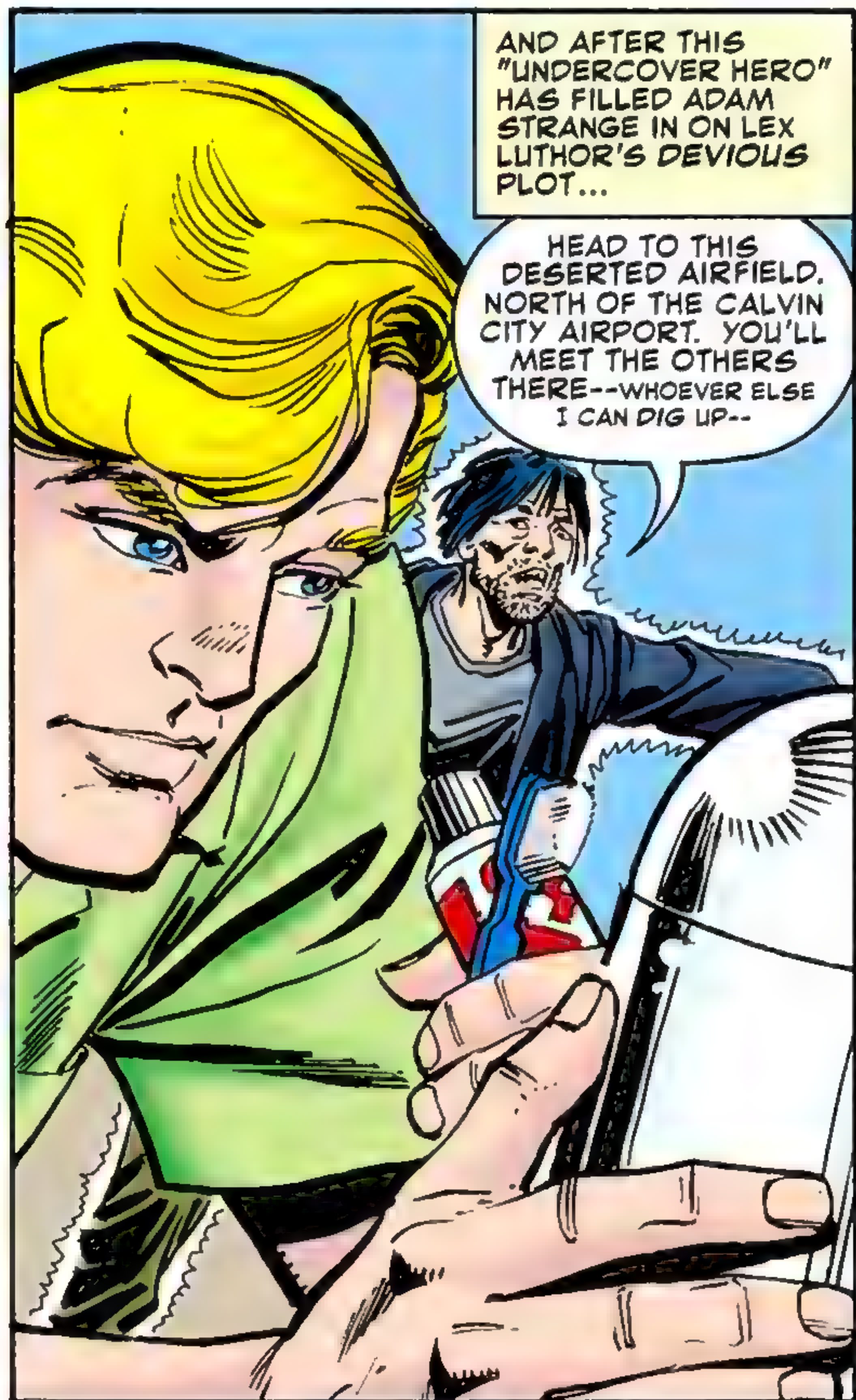


WHO ARE YOU? AND WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RANN?

I'M, uh, AN UNDERCOVER SUPER-HERO.

NO TIME FOR THE FINE DETAILS, ADAM STRANGE. I KNOW YOU'RE GEARING UP FOR A TRIP TO YOUR ADOPTED HOME PLANET.

WELL, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU--YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO TELEPORT SOME FRIENDS ALONG WITH YA. LISTEN...



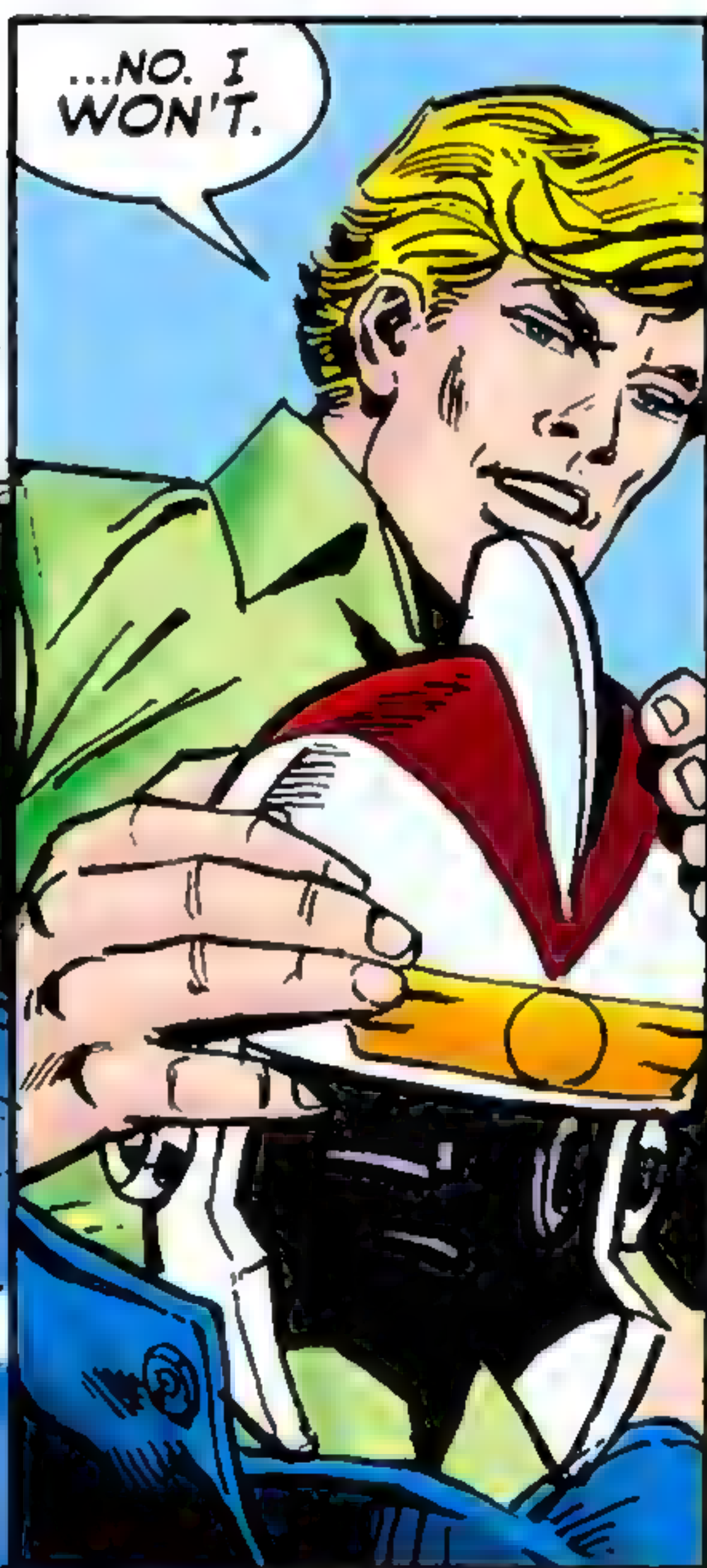
AND AFTER THIS "UNDERCOVER HERO" HAS FILLED ADAM STRANGE IN ON LEX LUTHOR'S DEVIUS PLOT...

HEAD TO THIS DESERTED AIRFIELD, NORTH OF THE CALVIN CITY AIRPORT. YOU'LL MEET THE OTHERS THERE--WHOEVER ELSE I CAN DIG UP--



WHY SHOULD I LISTEN TO THIS? THIS "INJUSTICE LEAGUE" AND--

YOU WOULDN'T TAKE A CHANCE WITH ALANNA, WOULD YOU?



...NO. I WON'T.

WATER MONSTERS, INVADING MICROSCOPIC ALIENS AND NOW A BUM SPOUTS A DOOMSDAY PROPHECY AND I'M OFF TO FIGHT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S WORST ENEMIES--

RANN'S A BEACON FOR TROUBLE...BUT THEN AGAIN...



SO'S ADAM STRANGE!! I JUST HOPE THESE "FRIENDS" I'M MEETING--

"--ARE AS CONFIDENT AND AS EXPERIENCED IN THIS KIND OF STUFF AS I AM."

S.T.A.R. LABS, GATEWAY CITY. SECURITY LEVEL 8.

DEF-CON 3.

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, DR. BRYNDON.

PLATOON 13

YOU'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT EVERYTHING, SGT. GRAYLE.

BUT YOU'RE DISMISSED FOR NOW. EVERYONE'S BEEN ORDERED TO PREP OUR E-CLASS PROTOTYPES BECAUSE OF THIS JLA MESS.

THE BRASS HAVE ME RUSHING THIS WAR SUIT TO THE FRONT LINES. WISH WE HAD THE TIME TO TEST IT.

MORE UNSTABLE FIREPOWER. JUST WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS.

I DON'T SUPPOSE THAT THING'S POWERED BY TRIPLE A'S.

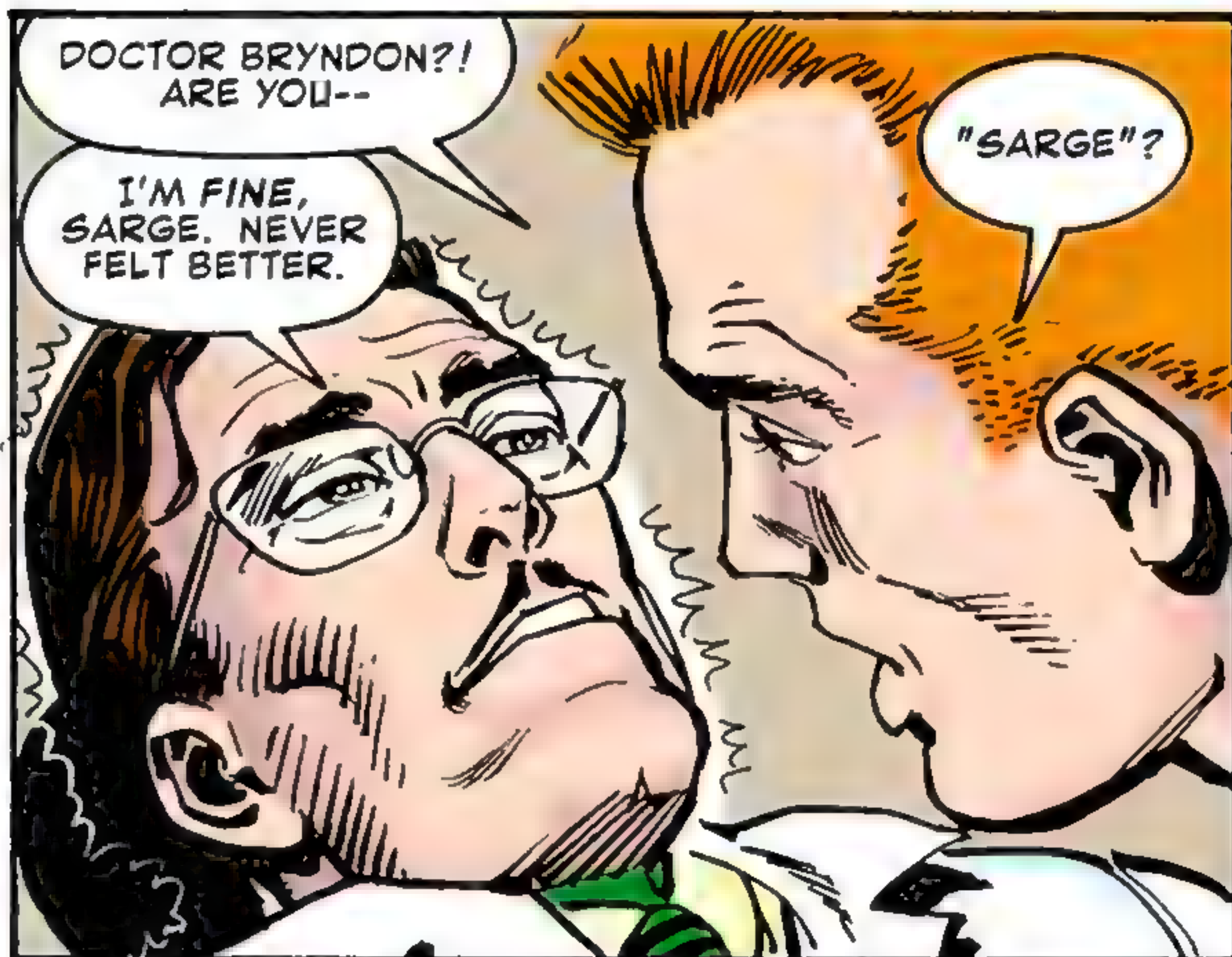
SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE POTENT...ATOMIC FUSION.

NUCLEAR AND ATOMIC WEAPONS GIVE WAR A BAD NAME. WHAT HAPPENED TO HONOR AND FAIRNESS? SOLDIER VS. SOLDIER?

IT'S GETTING TOO EASY TO KILL. WE WATCH OUR ENEMIES DIE ON A COMPUTER SCREEN. THERE'S NO INTEGRITY OR BRAVERY IN THAT.

CHIVALRY IS DEAD, GRAYLE. NOW THERE'S JUST TECHNOLOGY. GET USED TO --
-> UHHH!! <-

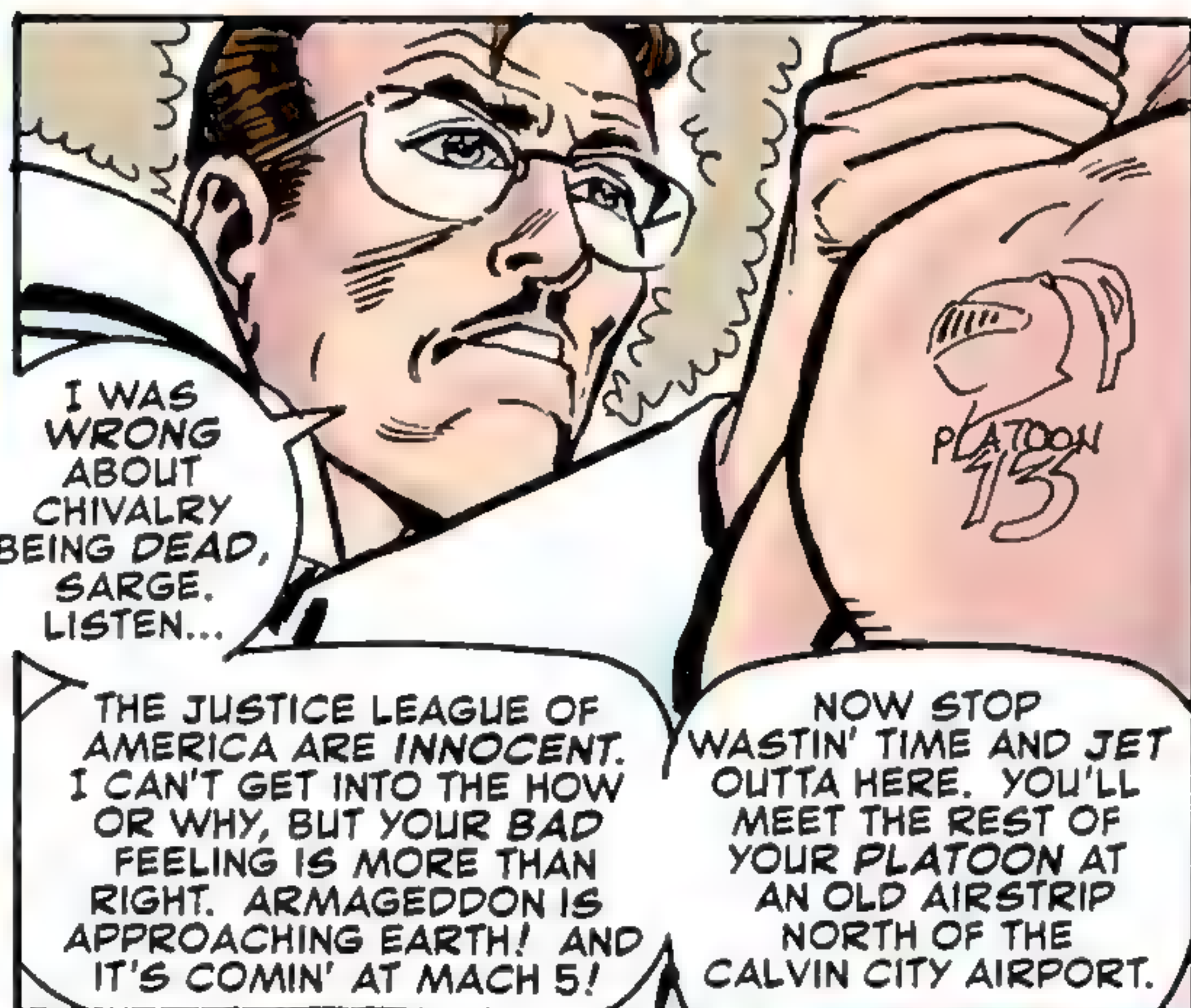
DR. BRYNDON! WHAT'S WRONG?



DOCTOR BRYNDON?!
ARE YOU--

I'M FINE,
SARGE. NEVER
FELT BETTER.

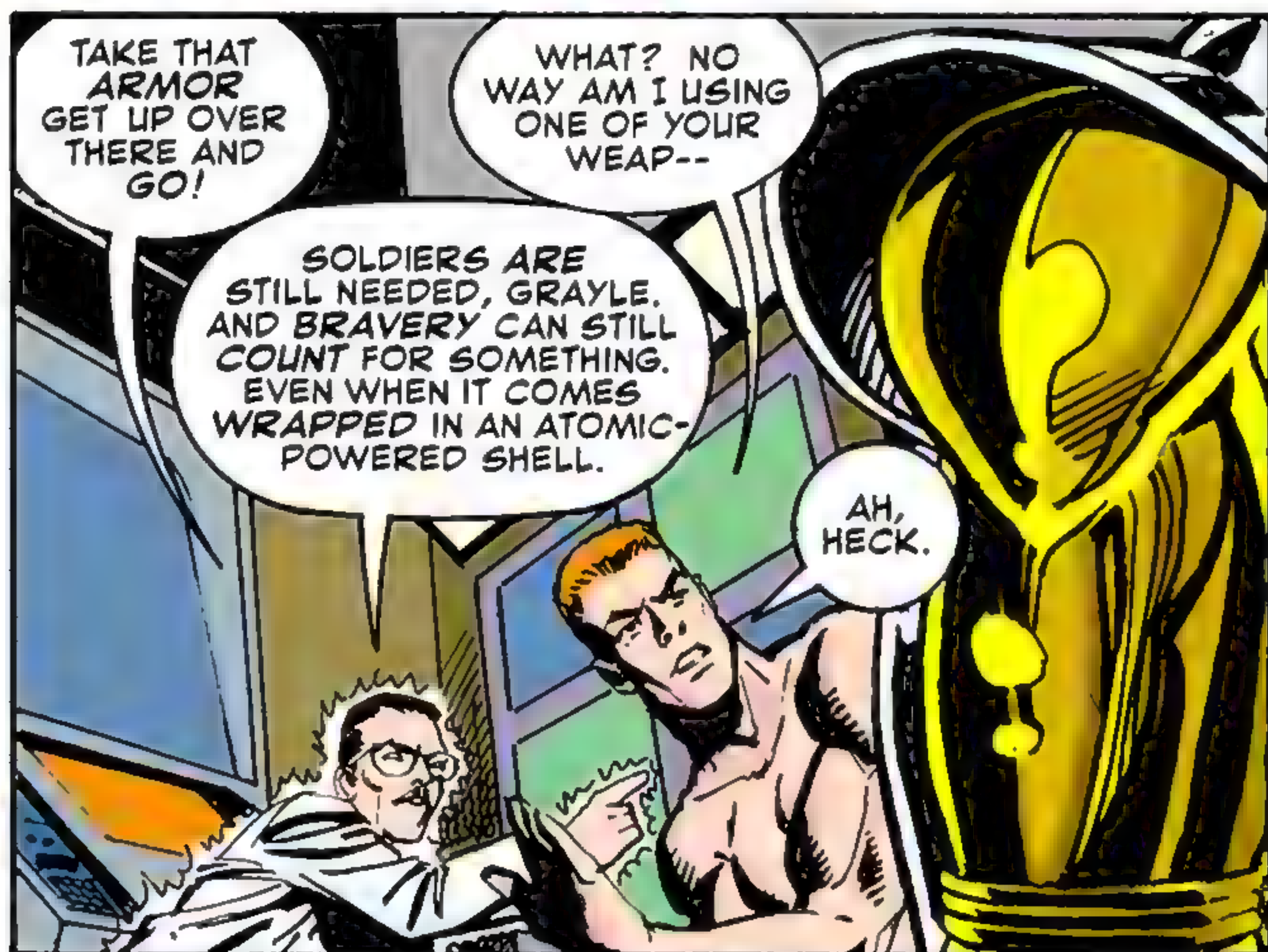
"SARGE"?



I WAS
WRONG
ABOUT
CHIVALRY
BEING DEAD,
SARGE.
LISTEN...

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF
AMERICA ARE INNOCENT.
I CAN'T GET INTO THE HOW
OR WHY, BUT YOUR BAD
FEELING IS MORE THAN
RIGHT. ARMAGEDDON IS
APPROACHING EARTH! AND
IT'S COMIN' AT MACH 5!

NOW STOP
WASTIN' TIME AND JET
OUTTA HERE. YOU'LL
MEET THE REST OF
YOUR PLATOON AT
AN OLD AIRSTRIP
NORTH OF THE
CALVIN CITY AIRPORT.

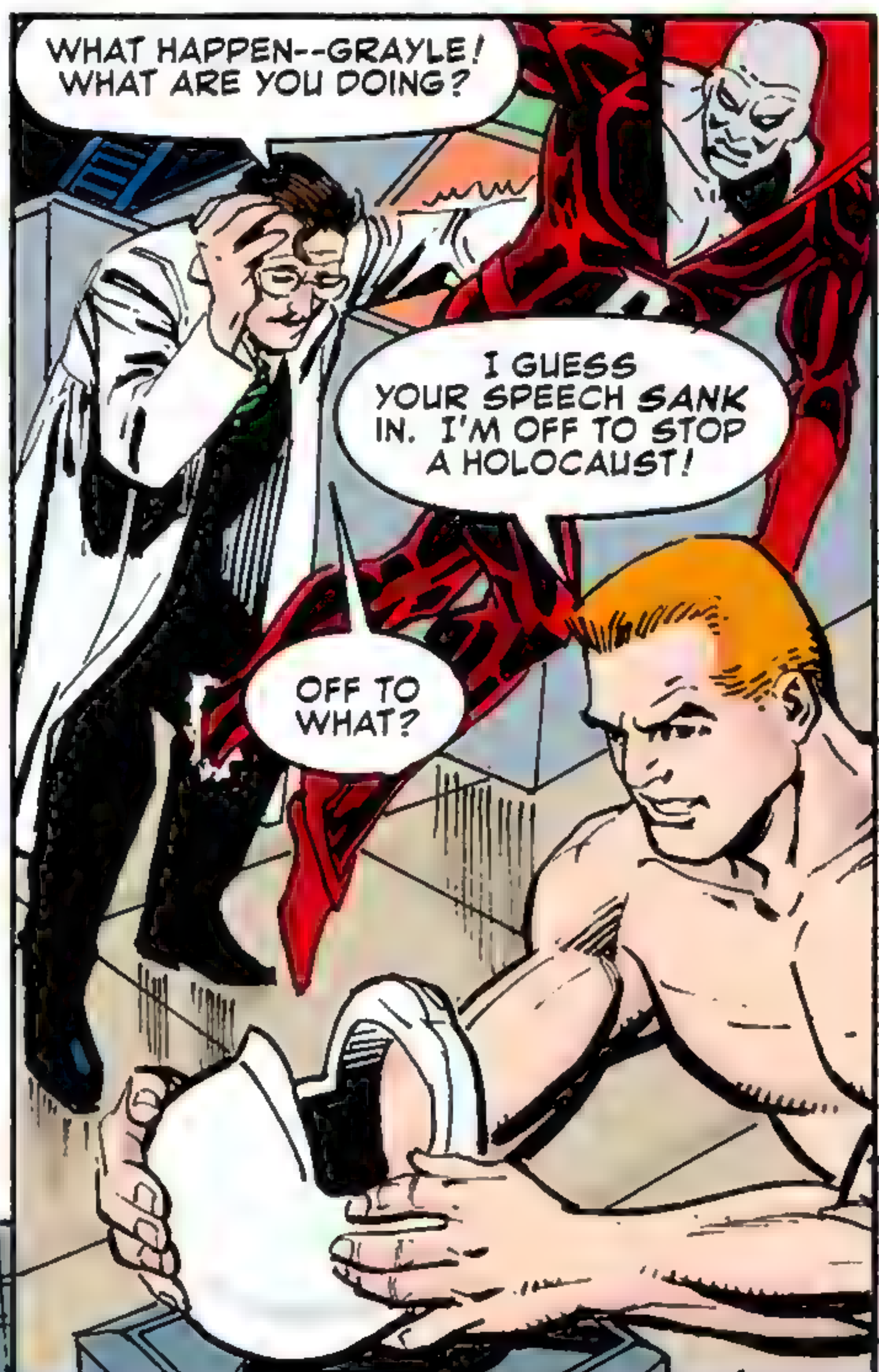


TAKE THAT
ARMOR
GET UP OVER
THERE AND
GO!

WHAT? NO
WAY AM I USING
ONE OF YOUR
WEAP--

SOLDIERS ARE
STILL NEEDED, GRAYLE.
AND BRAVERY CAN STILL
COUNT FOR SOMETHING.
EVEN WHEN IT COMES
WRAPPED IN AN ATOMIC-
POWERED SHELL.

AH,
HECK.

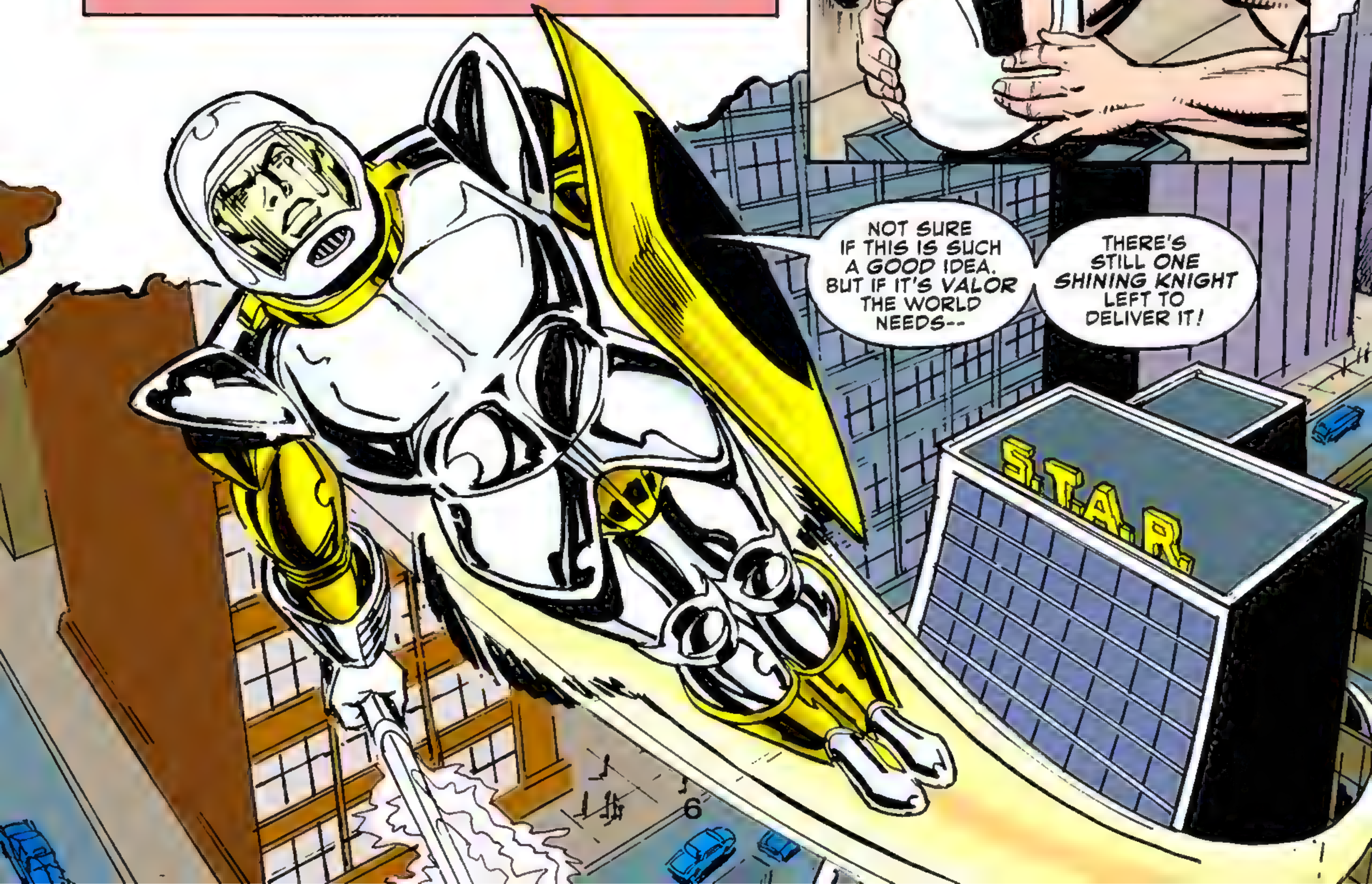


WHAT HAPPEN--GRAYLE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I GUESS
YOUR SPEECH SANK
IN. I'M OFF TO STOP
A HOLOCAUST!

OFF TO
WHAT?

SGT. GARDNER GRAYLE QUICKLY DONS S.T.A.R. LABS' ATOMIC
SUIT OF ARMOR AND HEADS INTO THE SKY, LEAVING BEHIND A
CONFUSED DOCTOR BRYNDON. THE FLIGHT IS A ROCKY ONE...



NOT SURE
IF THIS IS SUCH
A GOOD IDEA.
BUT IF IT'S VALOR
THE WORLD
NEEDS--

THERE'S
STILL ONE
SHINING KNIGHT
LEFT TO
DELIVER IT!

S.T.A.R.

GOTHAM CITY.

BARBARA GORDON, A.K.A. BATGIRL, CATCHES A SIMILAR MANDATE FOR HER SERVICES FROM HER FATHER, COMMISSIONER GORDON. SHE DEPARTS WITHOUT HESITATION.



MIDWAY CITY.

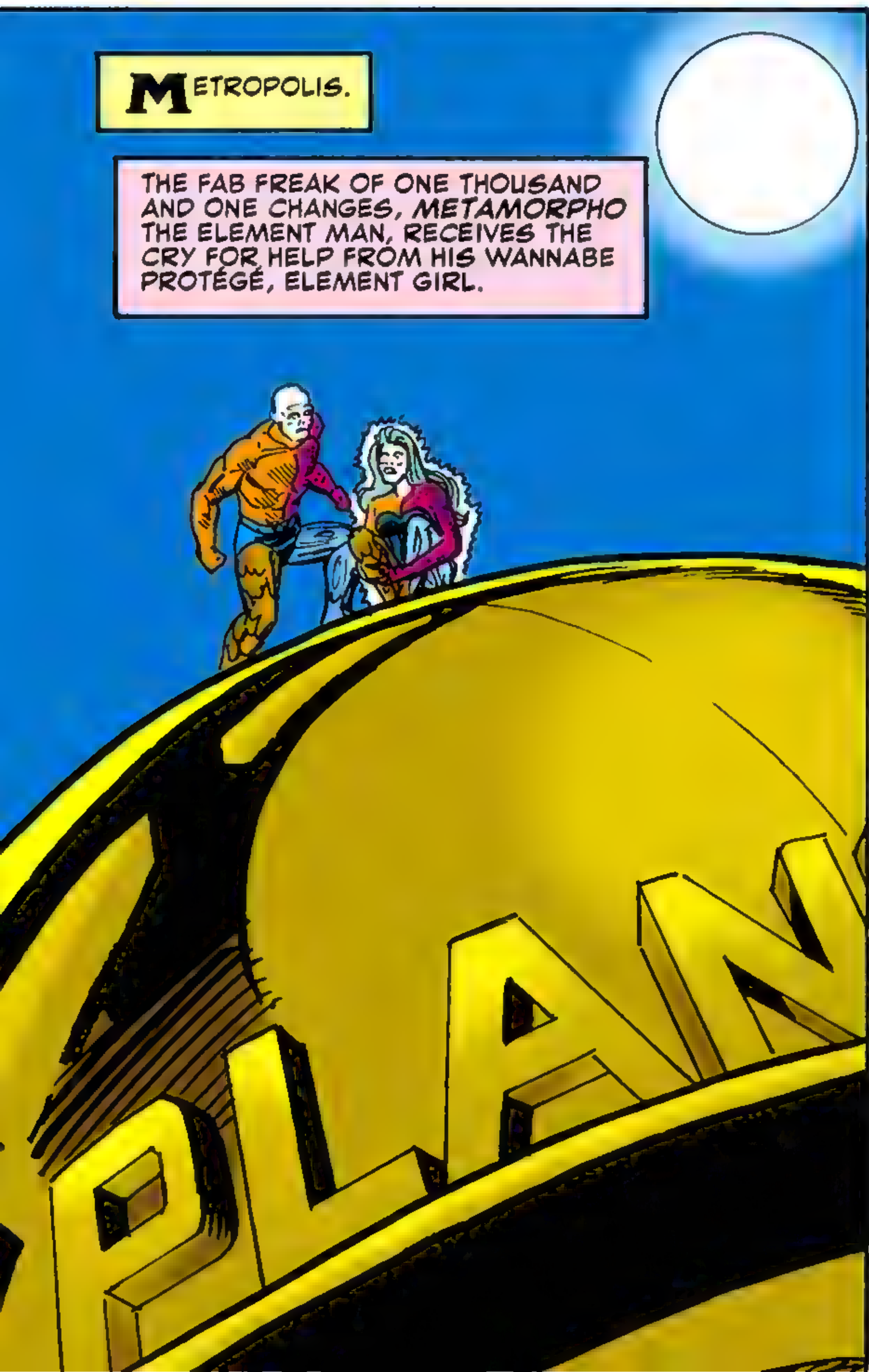
STEVE DAYTON, ONE OF THE WORLD'S RICHEST MEN AND SOMETIMES SUPER-HERO KNOWN AS MENTO, IS READY TO CALL IT A NIGHT--STOOD UP AGAIN BY HIS DINNER DATE, RITA FARR.



BUT MENTO WON'T BE TURNING IN EARLY AFTER ALL.

METROPOLIS.

THE FAB FREAK OF ONE THOUSAND AND ONE CHANGES, METAMORPHO THE ELEMENT MAN, RECEIVES THE CRY FOR HELP FROM HIS WANNABE PROTÉGÉ, ELEMENT GIRL.



WASHINGTON D.C.

ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST DECORATED FIGHTER PILOTS IS AWOKEN FROM A DEEP SLUMBER BY HIS LOVER.

IT TAKES MAJOR "BLACKHAWK" A FEW MINUTES TO REMEMBER THE GIRL'S NAME, BUT THE MESSAGE SHE DELIVERS IS AS CLEAR AS CRYSTAL.

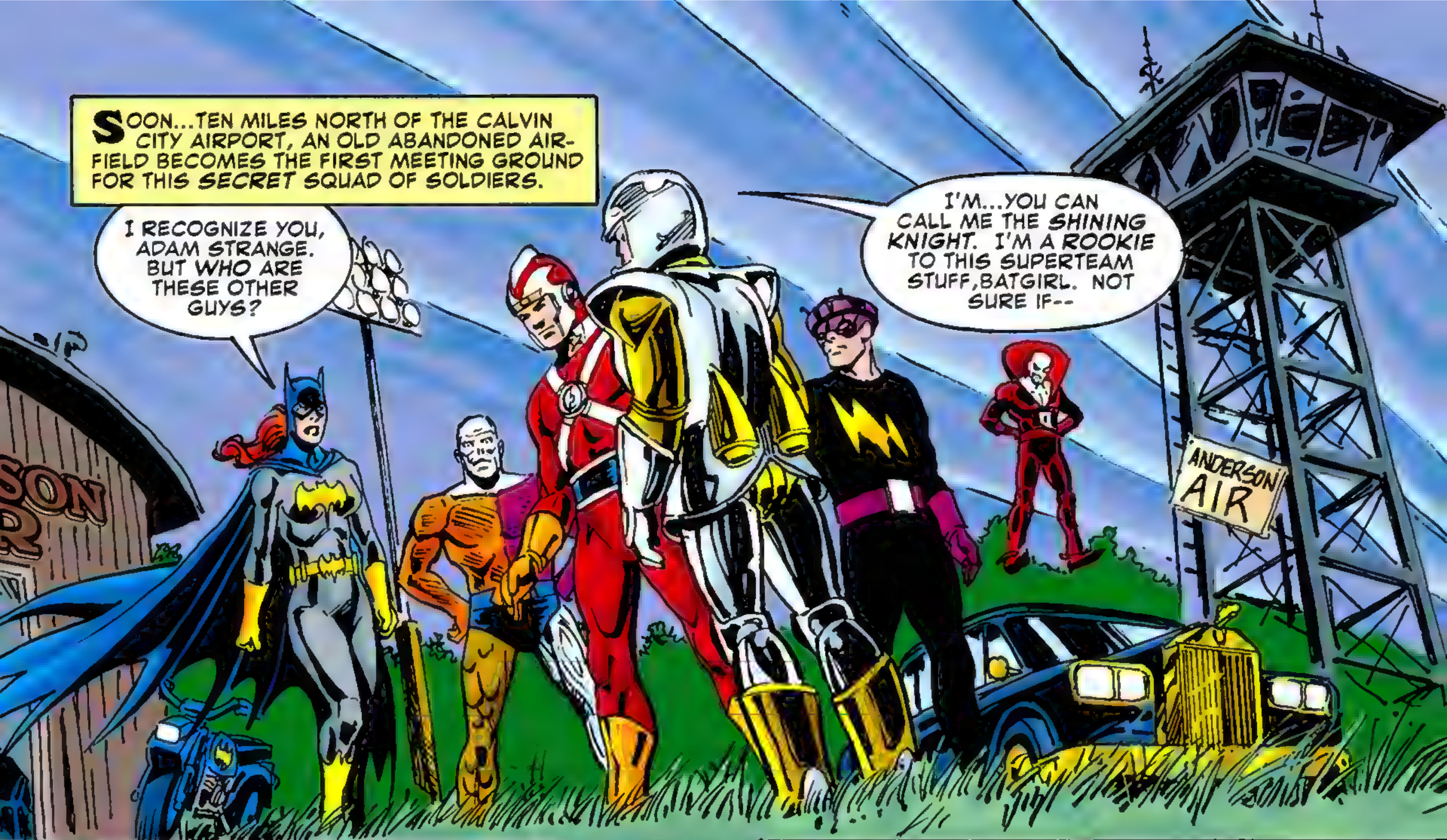
AND THE SOLDIERS ARE ON THEIR WAY!



SOON...TEN MILES NORTH OF THE CALVIN CITY AIRPORT, AN OLD ABANDONED AIRFIELD BECOMES THE FIRST MEETING GROUND FOR THIS SECRET SQUAD OF SOLDIERS.

I RECOGNIZE YOU, ADAM STRANGE. BUT WHO ARE THESE OTHER GUYS?

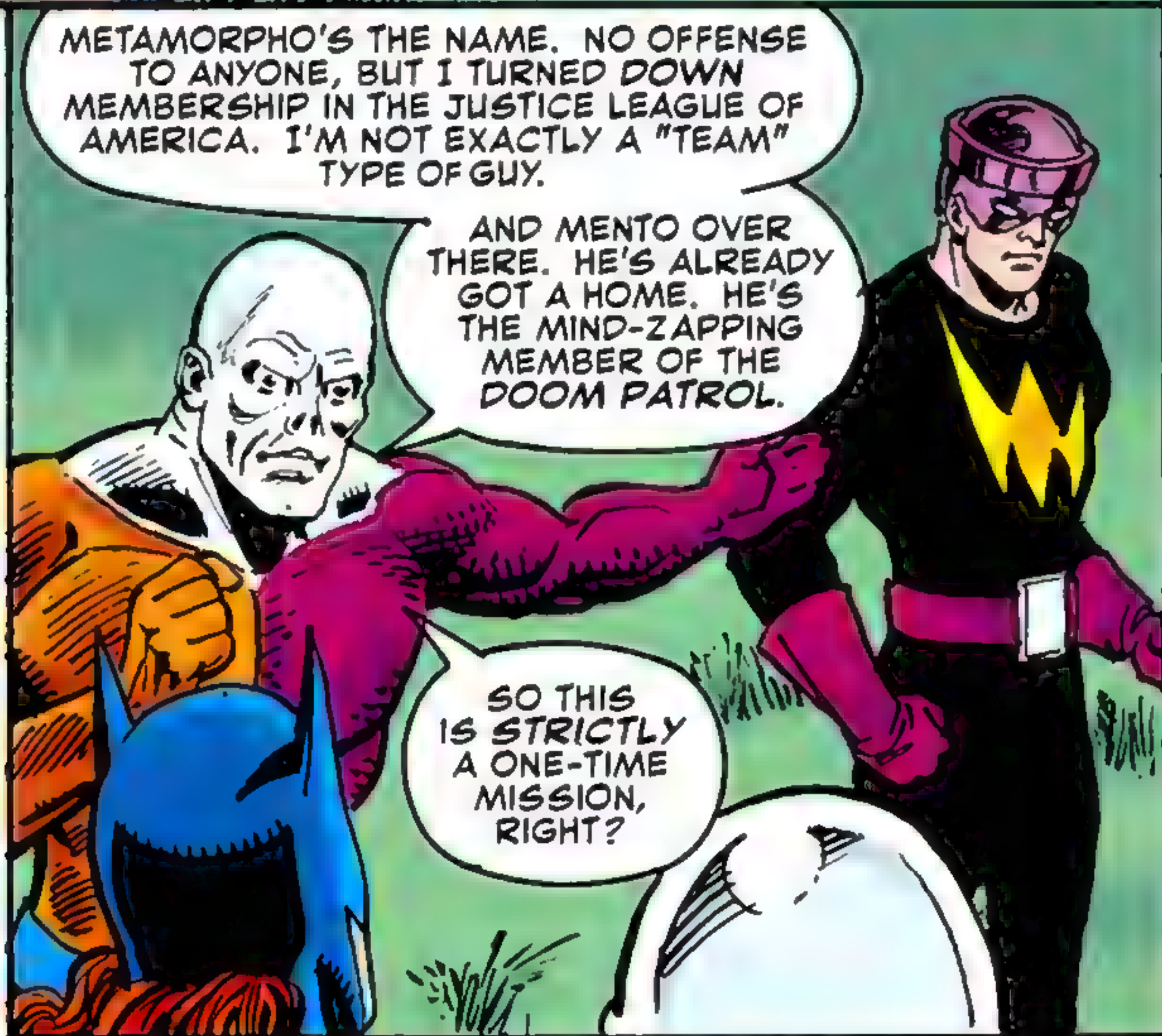
I'M...YOU CAN CALL ME THE SHINING KNIGHT. I'M A ROOKIE TO THIS SUPERTeam STUFF, BATGIRL. NOT SURE IF--



METAMORPHO'S THE NAME. NO OFFENSE TO ANYONE, BUT I TURNED DOWN MEMBERSHIP IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. I'M NOT EXACTLY A "TEAM" TYPE OF GUY.

AND MENTO OVER THERE. HE'S ALREADY GOT A HOME. HE'S THE MIND-ZAPPING MEMBER OF THE DOOM PATROL.

SO THIS IS STRICTLY A ONE-TIME MISSION, RIGHT?



I'M TECHNICALLY NOT A MEMBER OF THE DOOM PATROL. I MEAN, REALLY, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM. I'M NOT A FREAK LIKE THEY ARE, RIGHT?

YOU LOOK IN A MIRROR LATELY, PAL? THAT HELMET DOESN'T EXACTLY SCREAM NORMAL. AND WATCH THE TERM "FREAK."

WHY ARE ALL THE RICH GUYS I KNOW KOOKS?



LOOK. IF RANN IS IN HALF THE TROUBLE WE THINK IT IS--

I'LL NEED ALL YOUR HELP.



WE'RE IN, STRANGE.

BUT HOW ARE WE ALL GOING TO MEET THIS ZETA BEAM? MY UTILITY BELT DIDN'T COME WITH A JET PACK.

WHAT'S THAT? IN THE SKY!





MAJOR BLACKHAWK
REPORTING FOR
DUTY.

WHO'S
CALLING
THE SHOTS
HERE?



I
AM!



OH,
BROTHER.



NOT EXACTLY
AIR FORCE ONE,
IS IT? EVEN THE
DOOM PATROL HAS
A BETTER HUNK OF
JUNK THAN THIS.

EVERYONE
TAKE A SEAT.

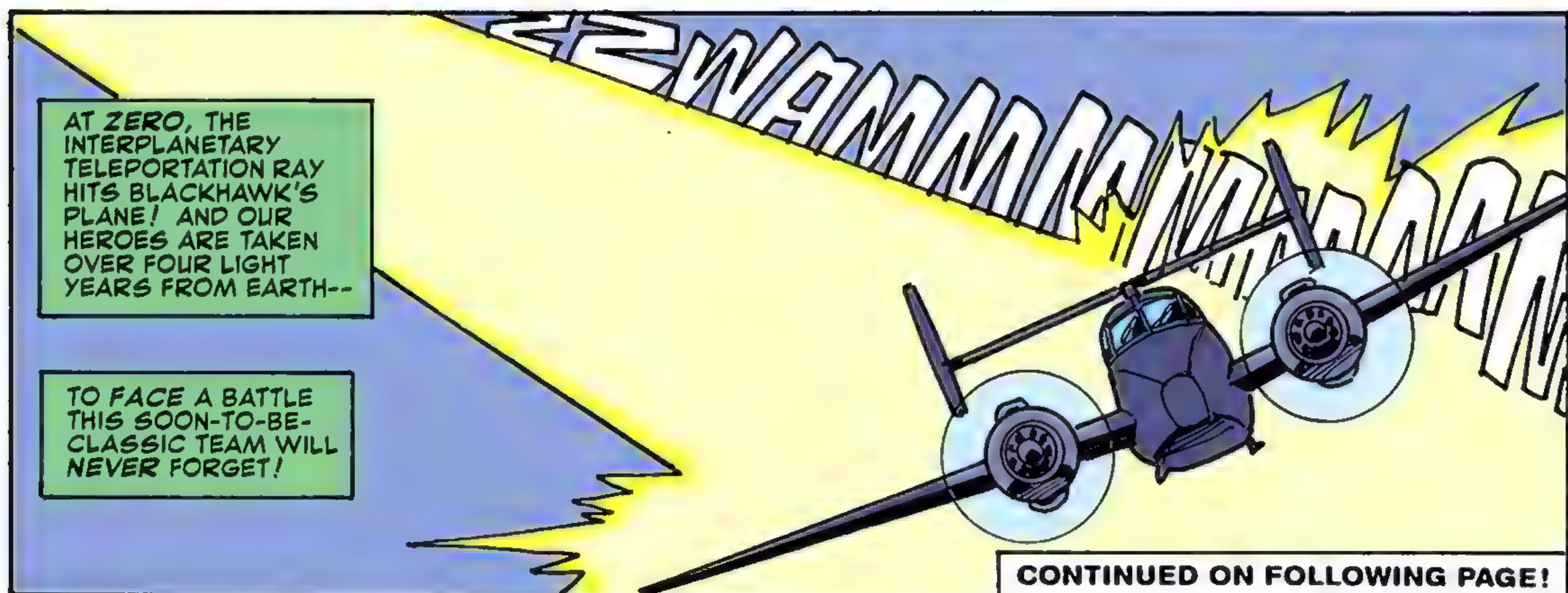
HEY, THE
BLACKHAWKS
WERE THE GREATEST
AIR PILOTS IN
HISTORY. SO COOL
IT WITH THE
COMMENTS,
MENTO.



SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY,
PRINCE CHARMING? I HAVEN'T
HEARD OF THE SHINING
KNIGHT BEFORE.

I'VE GOT A BAD
FEELING ABOUT THIS.
WE DON'T EVEN REALLY
KNOW WHAT WE'RE
GETTING INTO.

Y'KNOW, THAT'S NOT
EXACTLY THE KIND
OF TALK THAT GENERATES
ENTHUSIASM AMONG
"FELLOW" SUPER-HEROES.
GOT A LOT TO LEARN, KID.



BLOCK-BUSTERS?



You Bet!

ON SALE THIS WEEK!



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CHAOS ALREADY ERUPTS ON THE PLANET RANN. THE MOST FEARSOME AND FANTASTIC VILLAINS OF EARTH HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH AN ANCIENT EVIL. TOGETHER THEY ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO HOLDING THE ULTIMATE WEAPON OF THE UNIVERSE.

RANN IS BUT A PIT STOP ON THE RACE TO TAKE OVER THE GALAXY.

YOU'RE A PRETTY ONE.

I ALREADY HAVE A BOYFRIEND. NOW LET ME GO!

THESE SOLDIERS ARE PATHETIC! RUN, COWARDS!!
HAHAHA!

WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAY "RISK" WITH THE STARS LATER, SINESTRO.

WE'RE HERE FOR ONE REASON--TO ASSEMBLE THESE THREE WEAPONS TOGETHER. CREATING A NEW "BODY" FOR ME--I'LL BECOME THE ENTITY MY FATHER NEVER COULD BE.

MAYBE WE SHOULD MAKE RANN THE FIRST IN A LONG LINE OF PLANETS TO BE RULED BY THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, LUTHOR!

THE ONLY THING WE NEED IS A FLAG!

AND THE FOOL YOUR FATHER WAS AS WELL, AGAMEMNO.



THE
CENTRAL
POWER
BATTERY WILL
CREATE
WHATEVER
OUR WILL
DESIRES.

BUT THE
ABSORBASCON
IS THE KEY,
LUTHOR.
UNLIMITED
KNOWLEDGE.

ONCE LODGED INSIDE, THE
ABSORBASCON WILL ADHERE ITSELF
INTO THE CAVITY OF THE CENTRAL POWER
BATTERY. IT WILL TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO
METAMORPHOSE, BUT ONCE IT DOES-- THE
KRYPTONIAN JEWEL WILL DO THE SAME.

I KNOW YOU HAVE A FONDNESS FOR
SHINY BAUBLES, CATWOMAN, BUT IT'S
TIME TO DONATE IT TO THE GREATER
CAUSE. THE JEWEL WILL NEGATE THE ONLY
WEAKNESS THE WEAPON WILL HAVE.

≥SIGH≤ IT
WOULD MATCH
MY TALMADGE
SAPHIR--

DON'T
PULL YOUR
PUNCHES, GANG.
THESE GUYS ARE
PLAYING FOR
KEEPS!

A LITTLE
FAR FROM GOTHAM,
AREN'T YA, CATWOMAN?
I'M GUESSING YOU'RE
NOT HERE FOR THE
WEATHER.

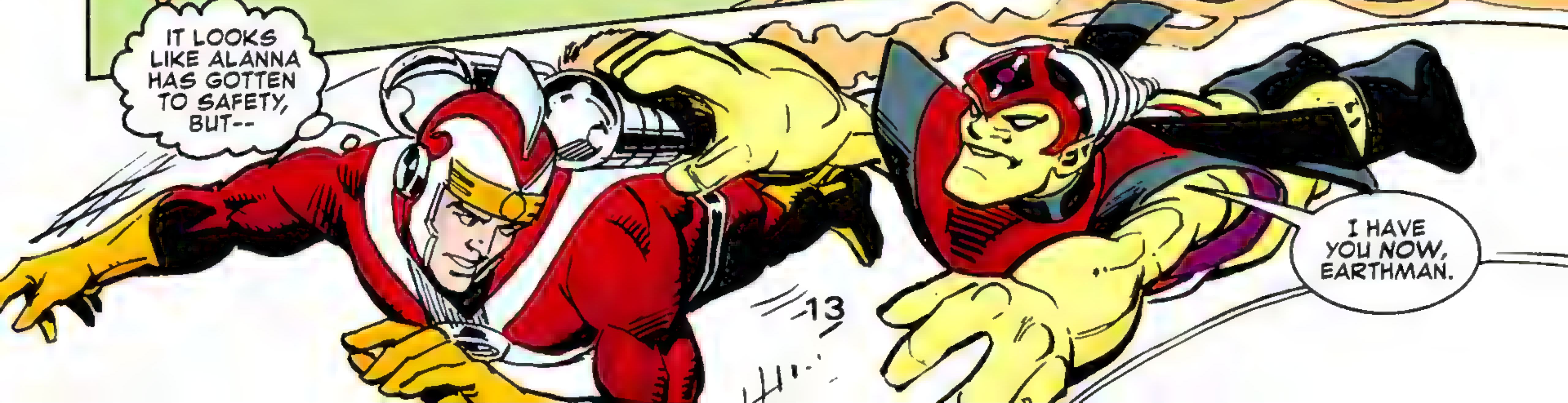
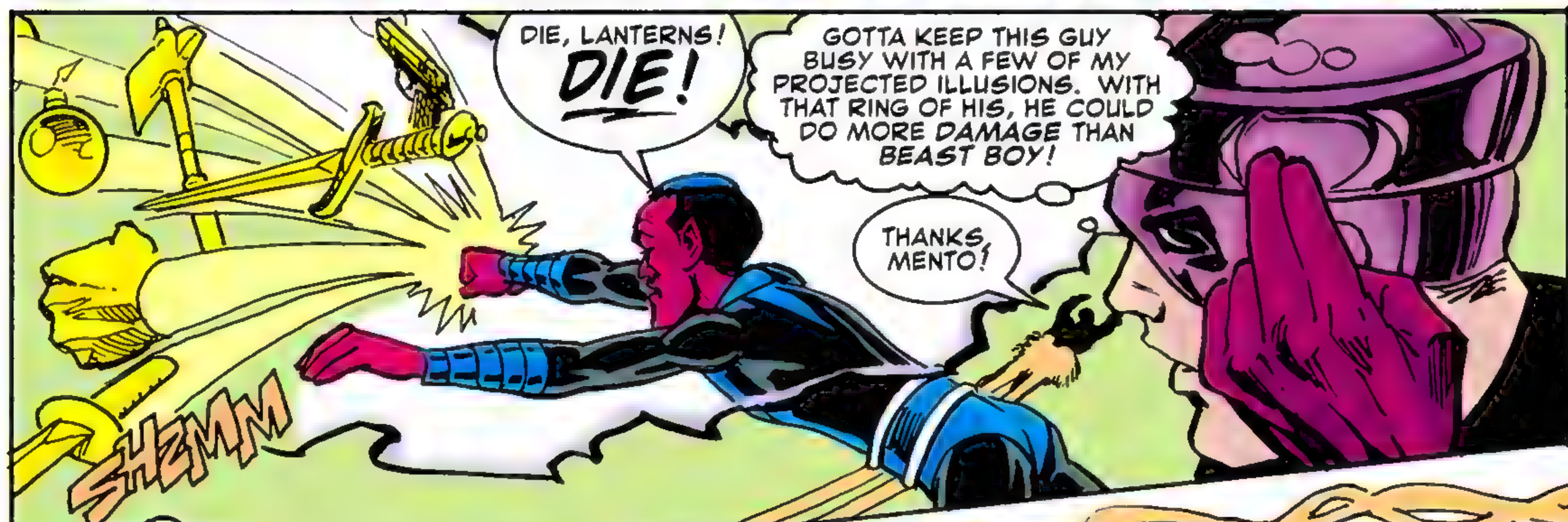
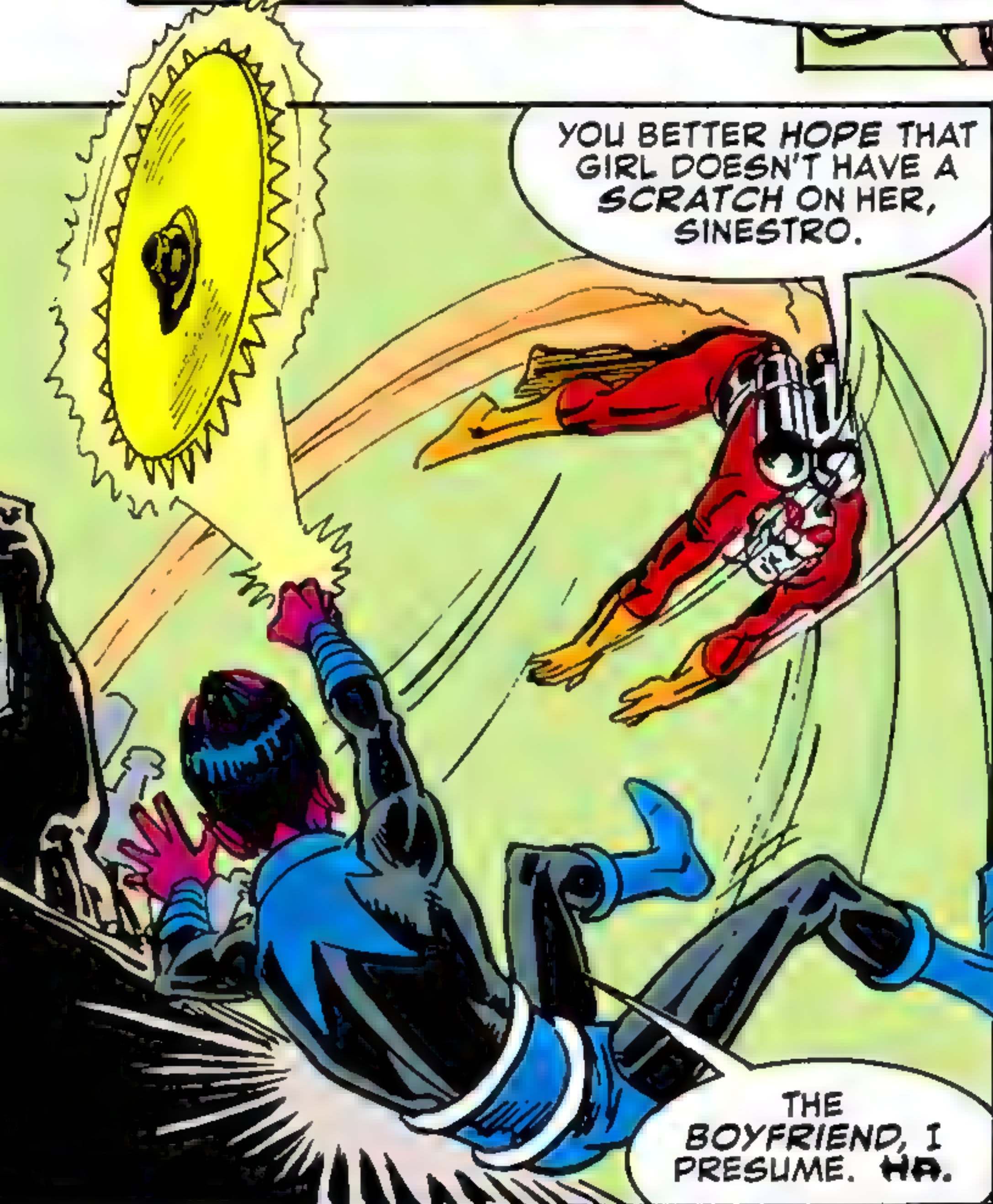
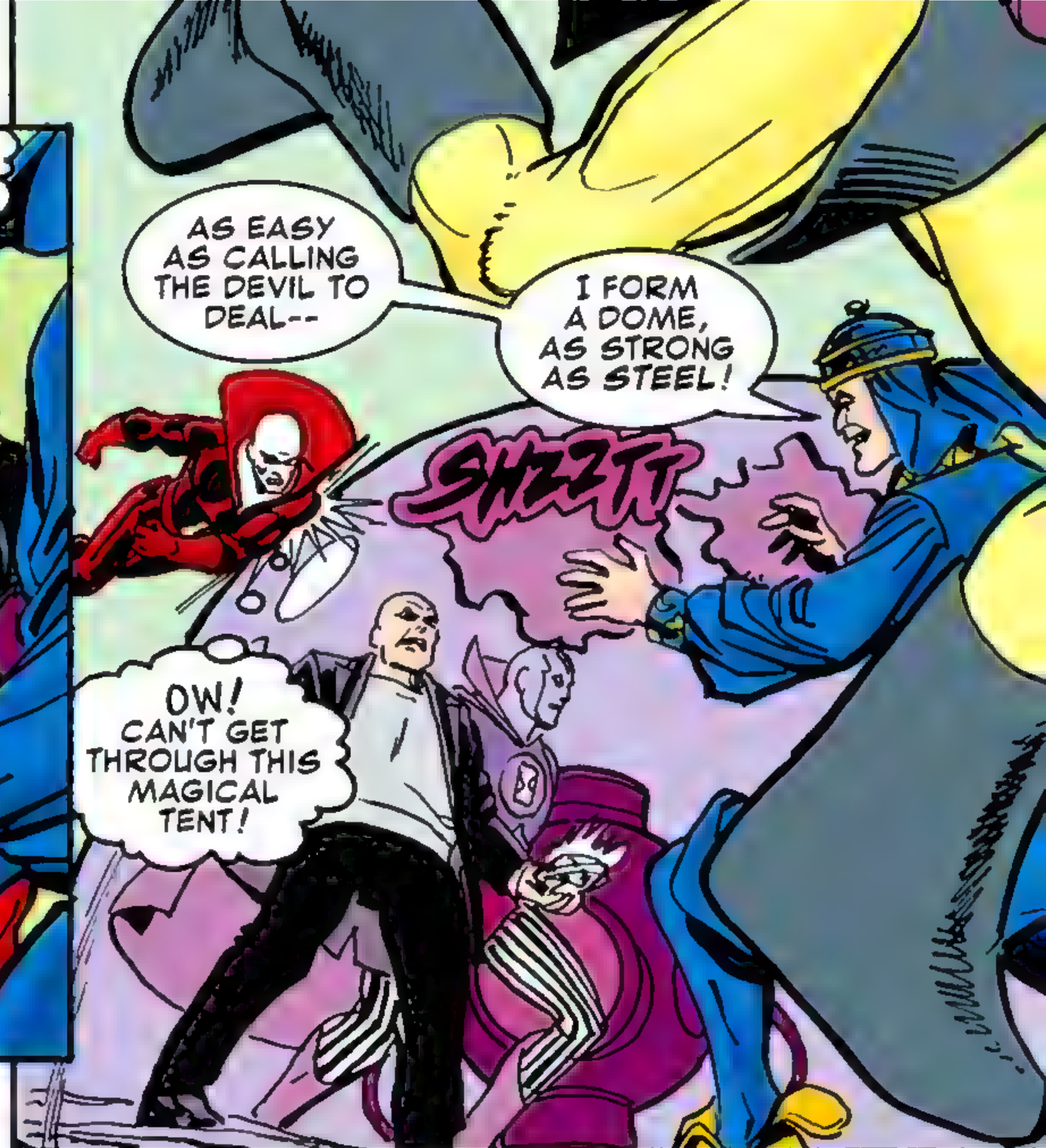
HEROES
FROM EARTH?
WHAT ARE THEY
DOING--

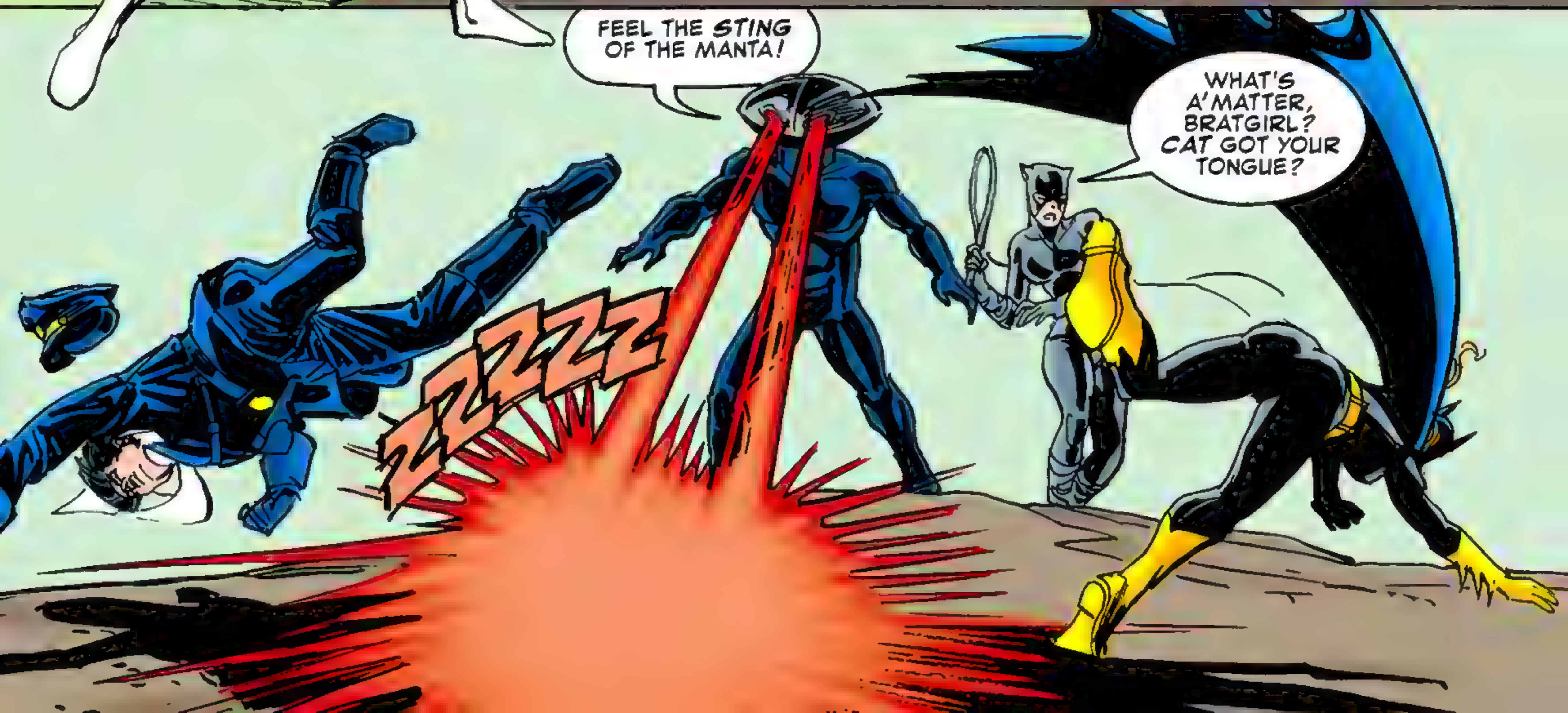
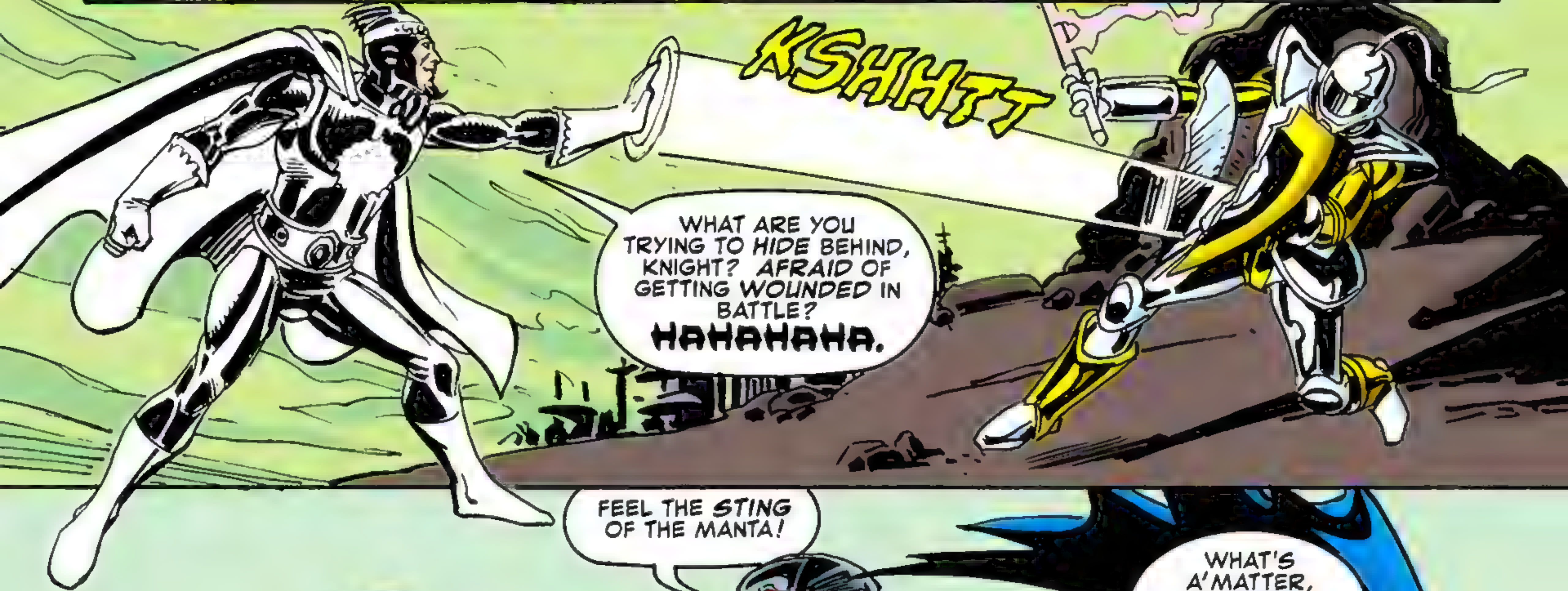
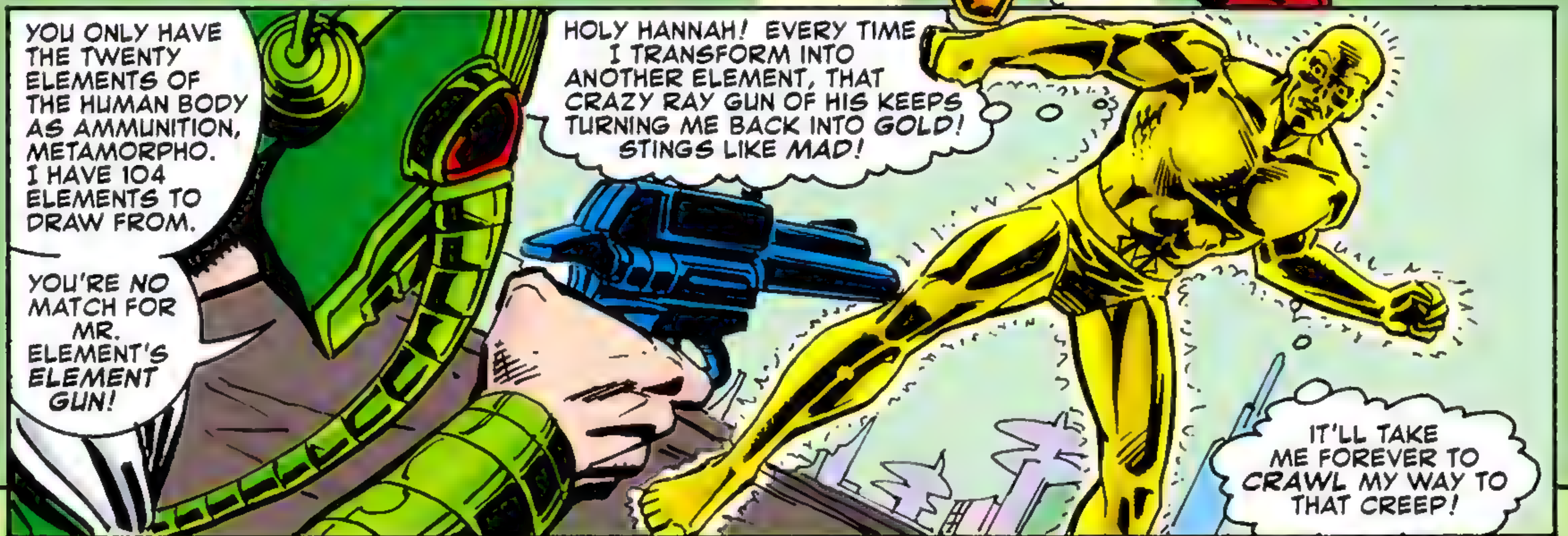
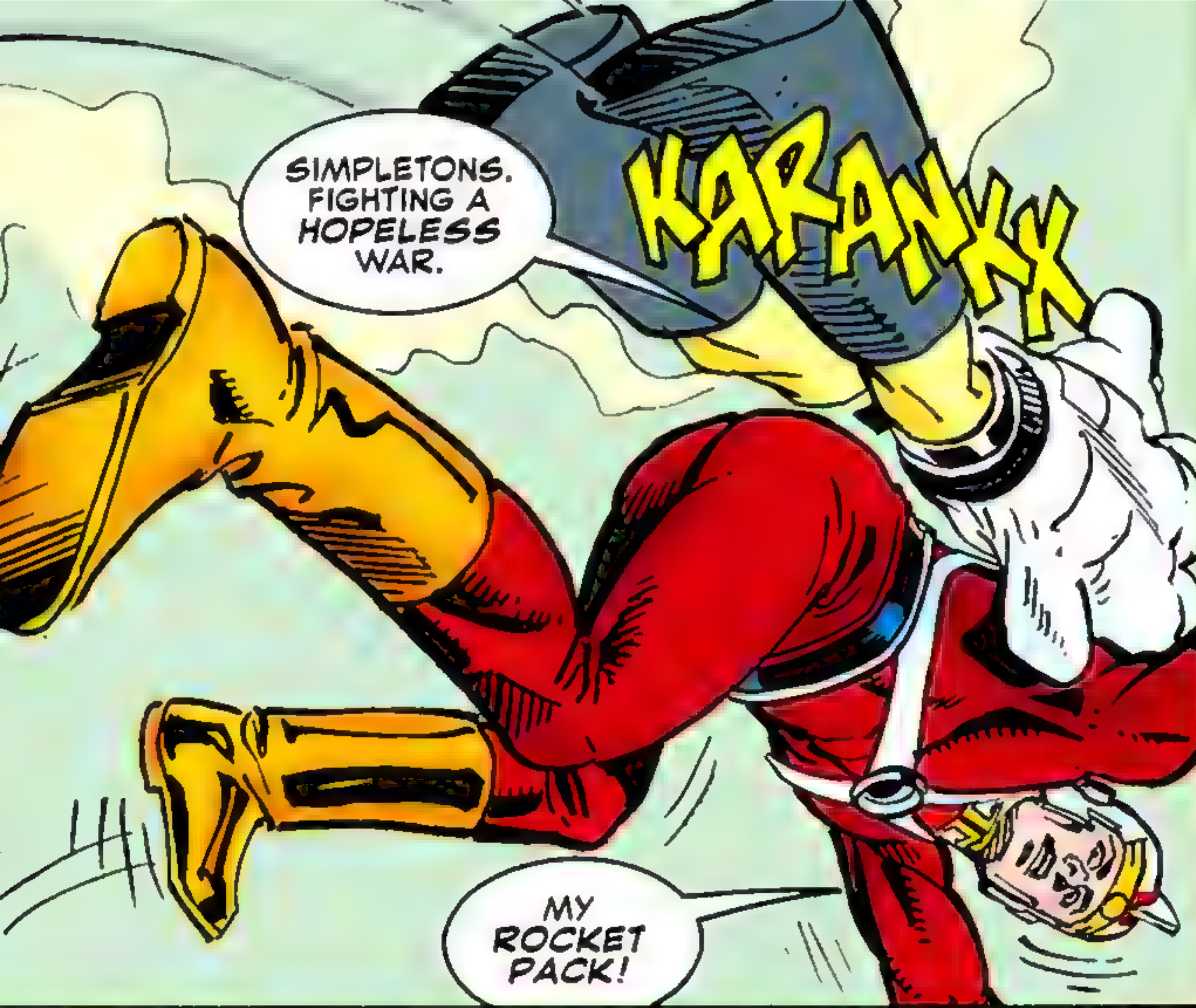


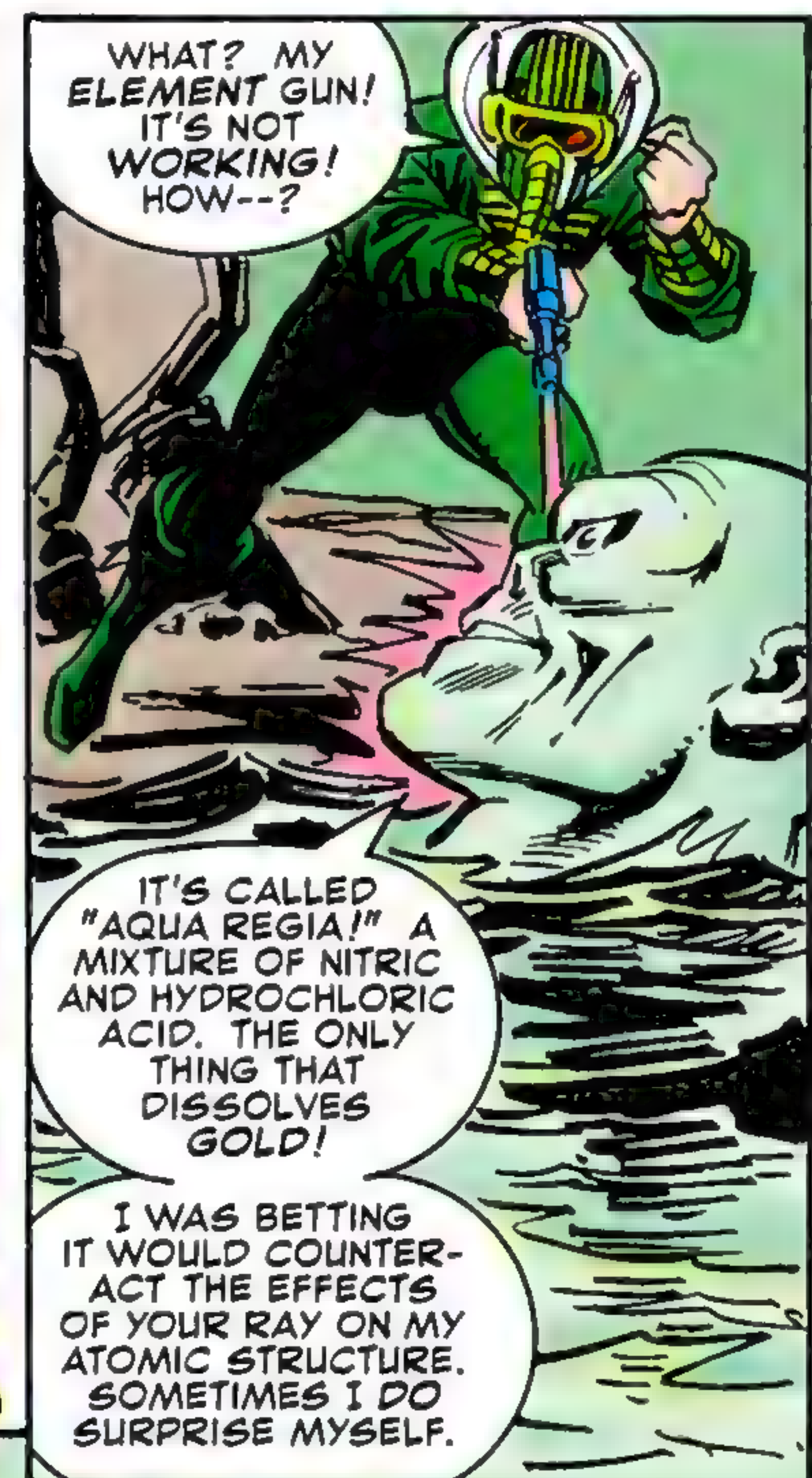
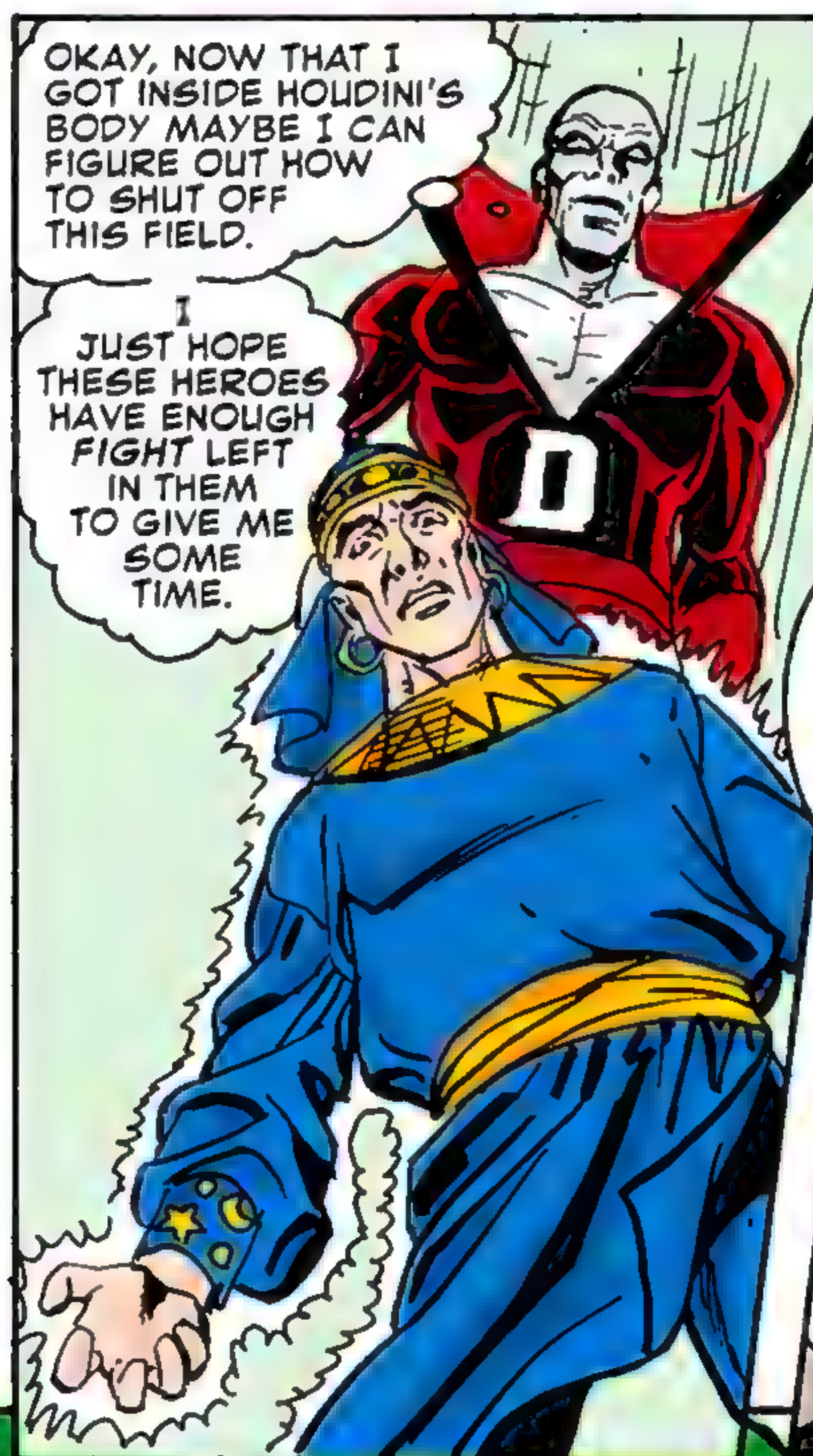
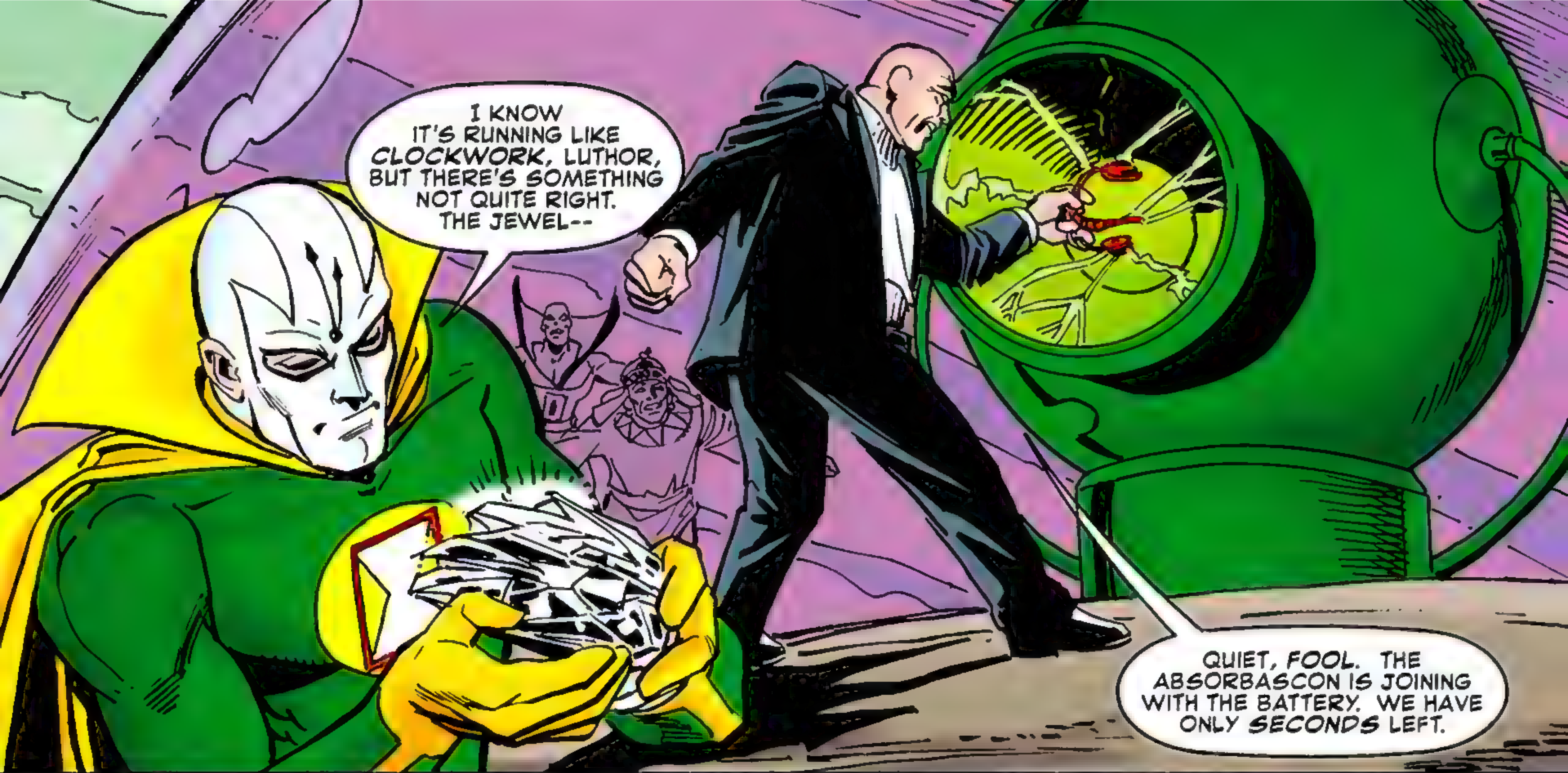
I LIVE
HERE!

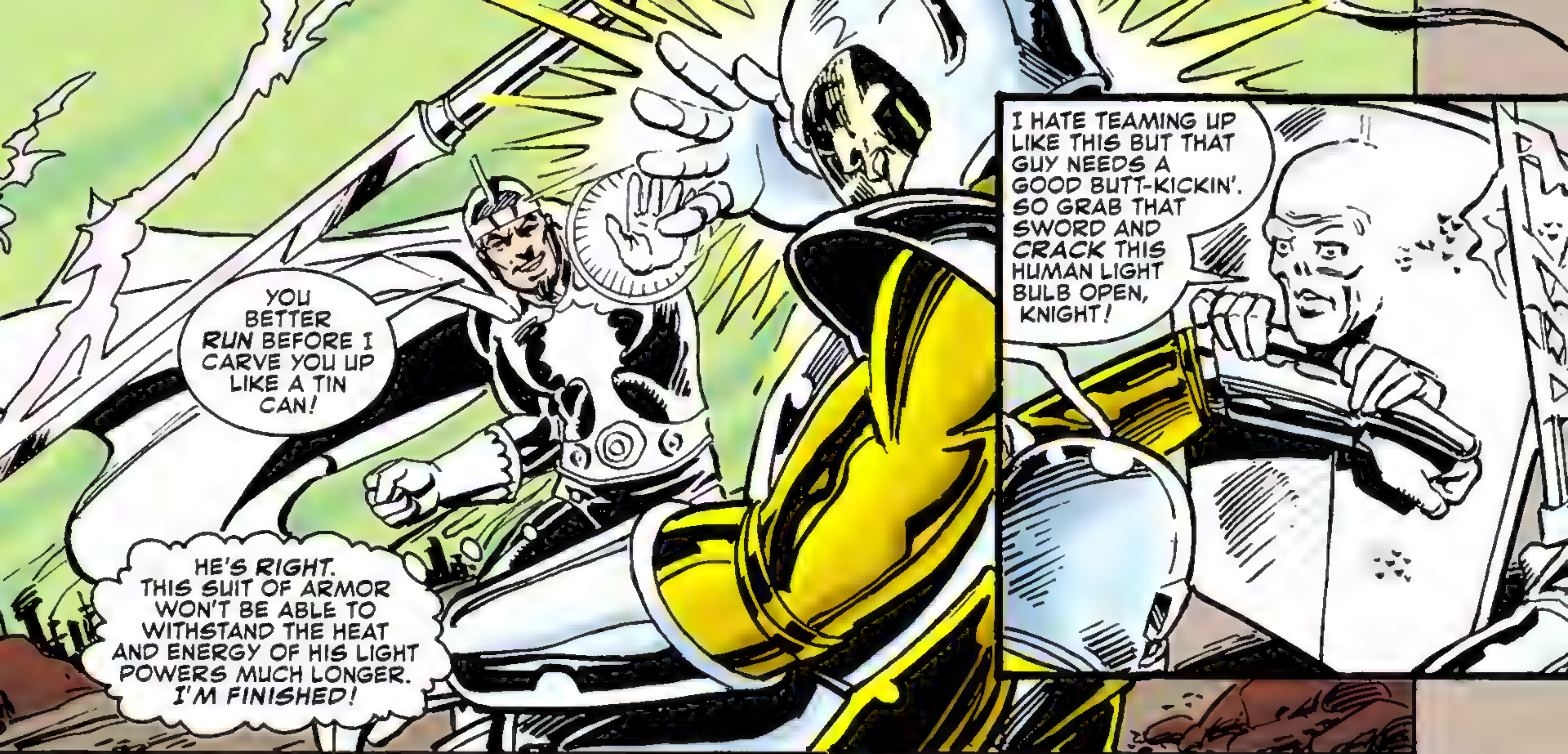
NOW LEAVE
ALANNA ALONE,
SCUM! AND
GET OFF MY
PLANET!!

OOF!





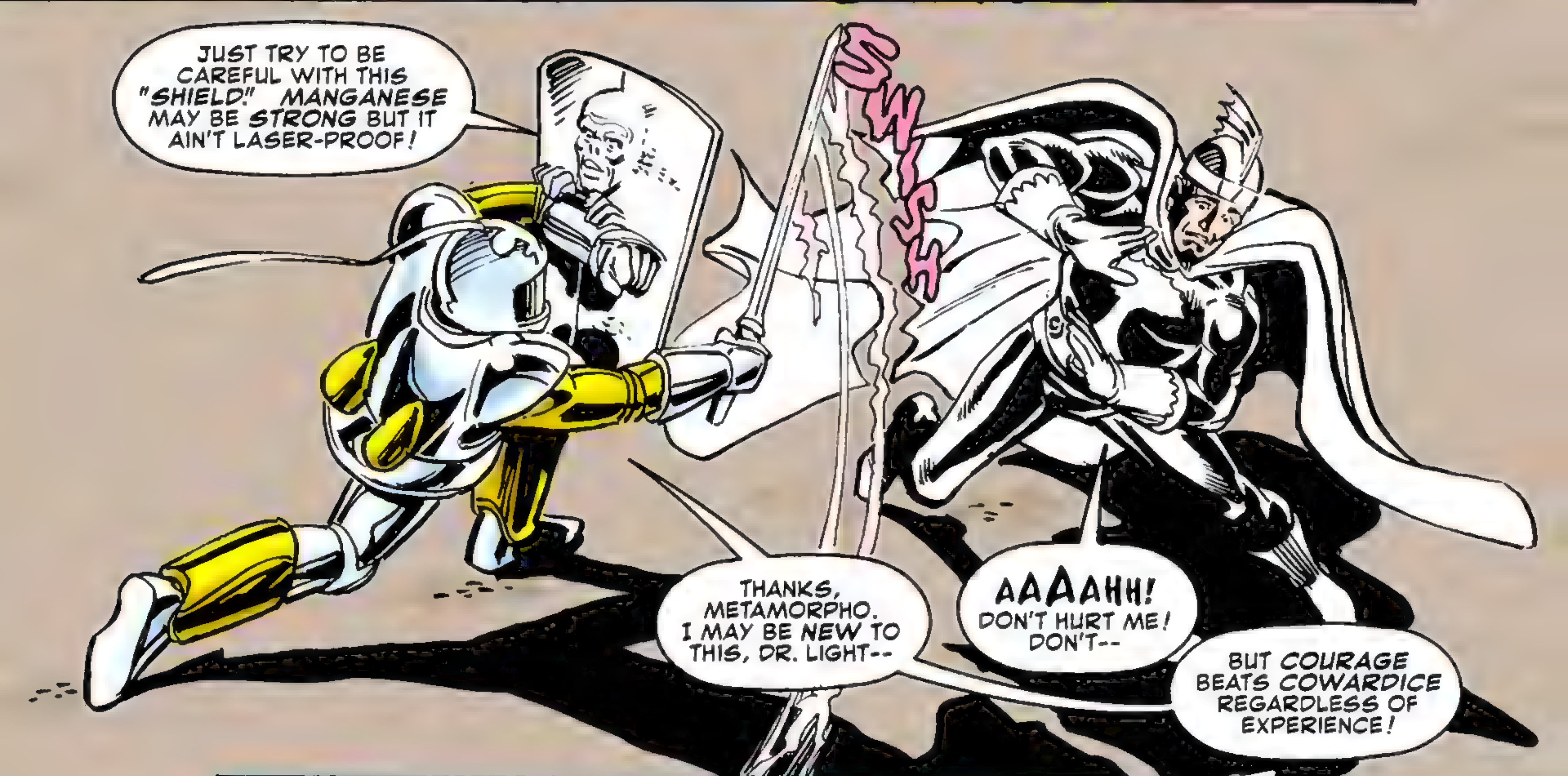




YOU BETTER RUN BEFORE I CARVE YOU UP LIKE A TIN CAN!

HE'S RIGHT. THIS SUIT OF ARMOR WON'T BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE HEAT AND ENERGY OF HIS LIGHT POWERS MUCH LONGER. I'M FINISHED!

I HATE TEAMING UP LIKE THIS BUT THAT GUY NEEDS A GOOD BUTT-KICKIN'. SO GRAB THAT SWORD AND CRACK THIS HUMAN LIGHT BULB OPEN, KNIGHT!

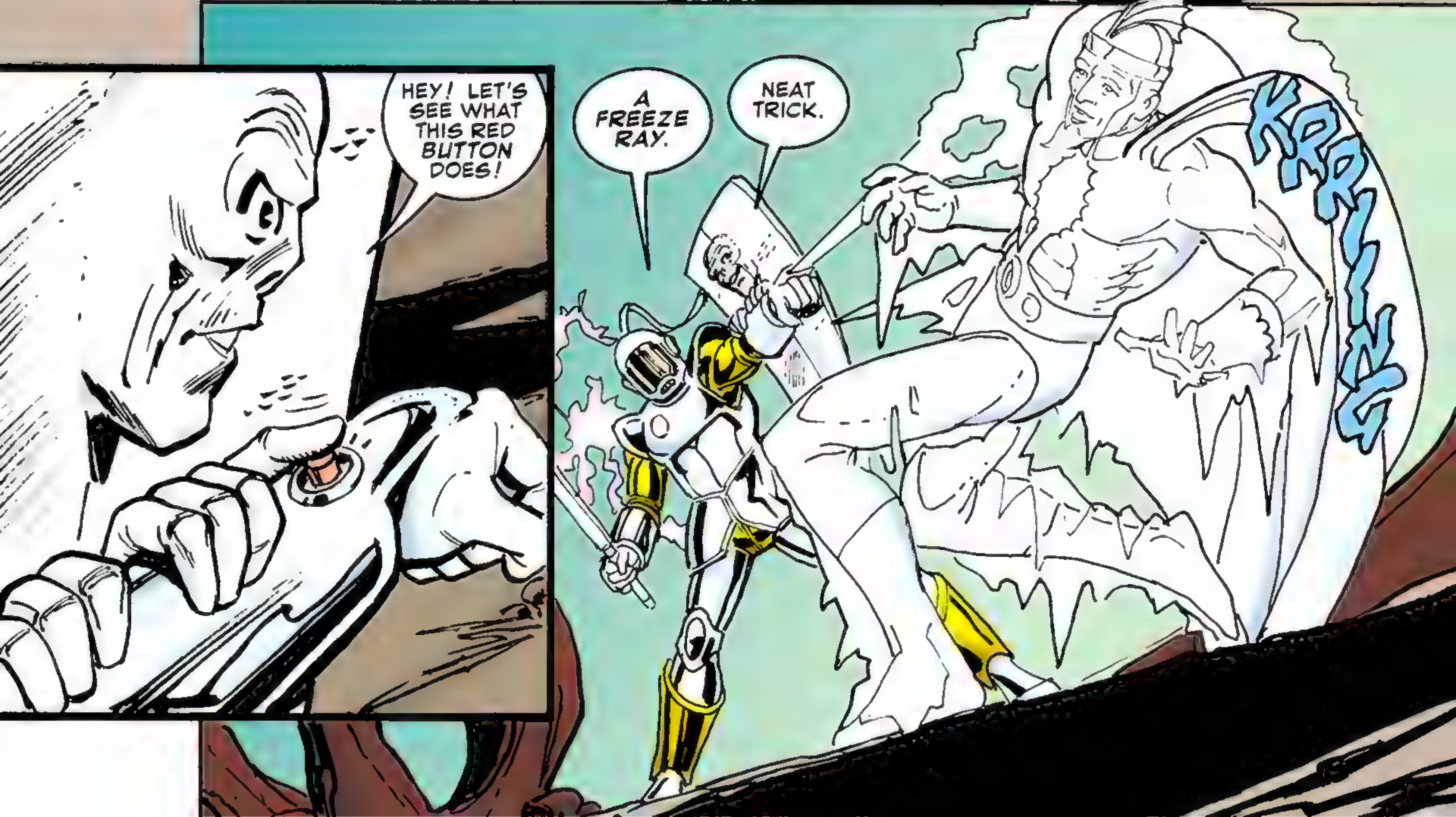


JUST TRY TO BE CAREFUL WITH THIS "SHIELD!" MANGANESE MAY BE STRONG BUT IT AIN'T LASER-PROOF!

THANKS, METAMORPHO. I MAY BE NEW TO THIS, DR. LIGHT--

AAAAHH! DON'T HURT ME! DON'T--

BUT COURAGE BEATS COWARDICE REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE!

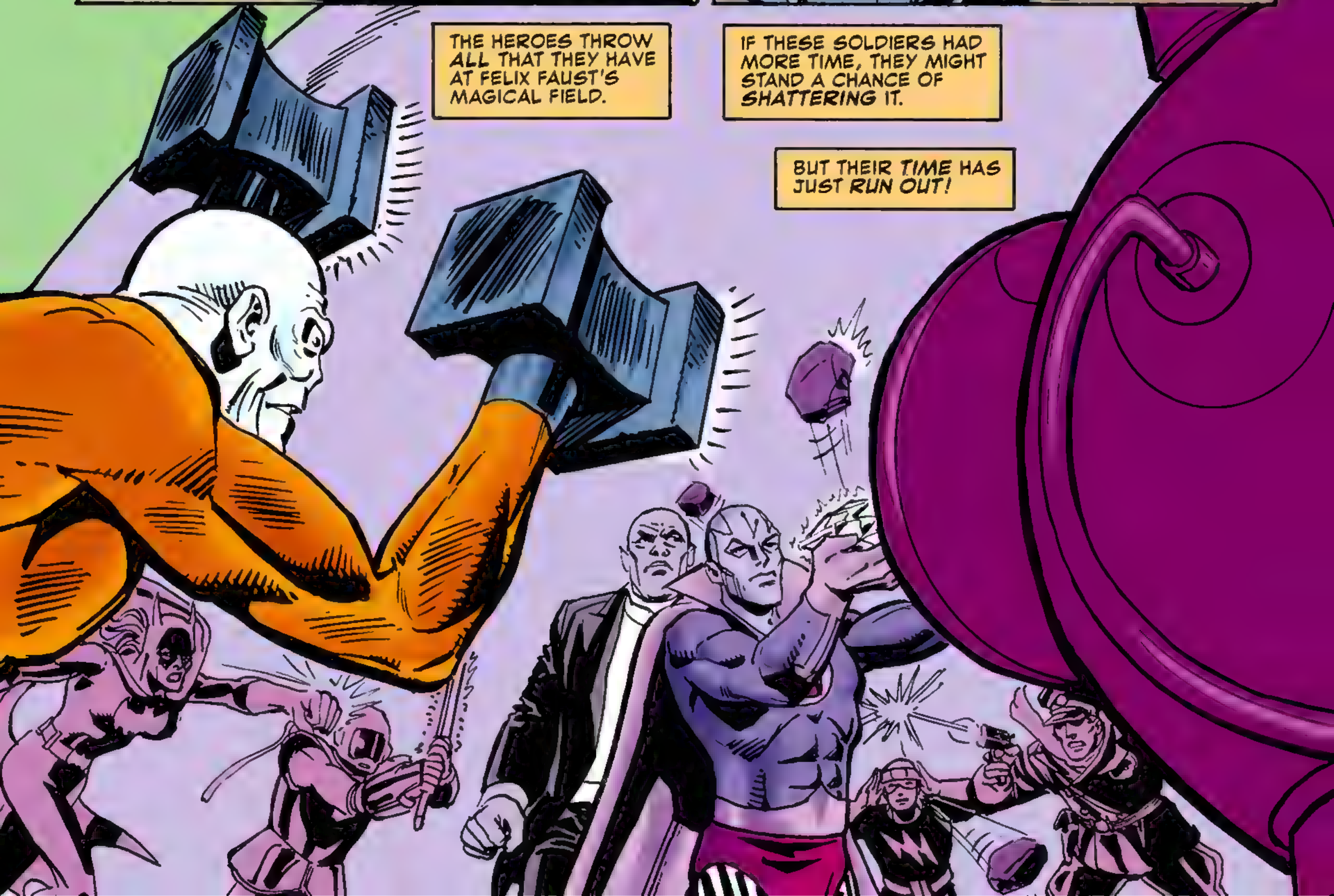
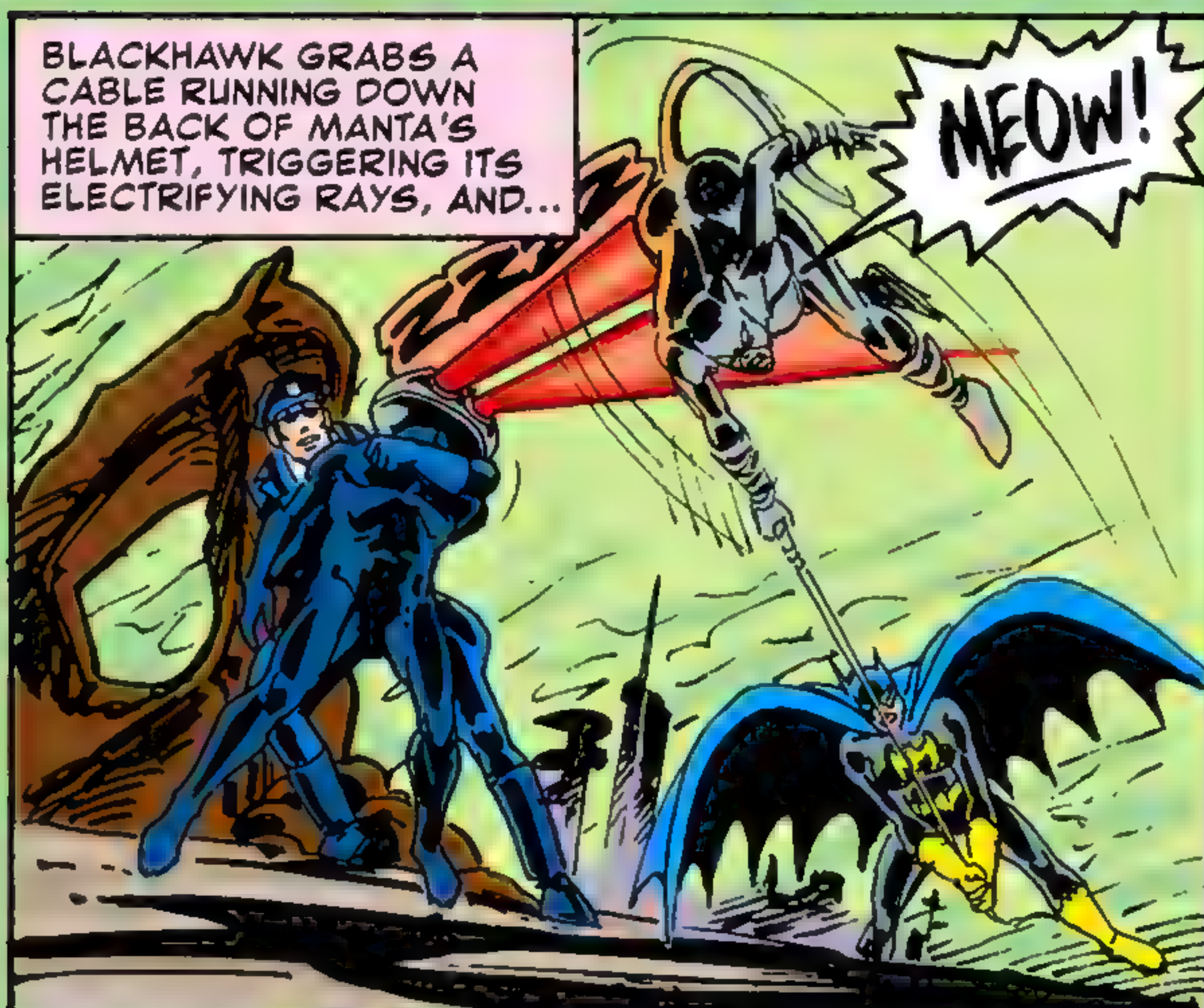
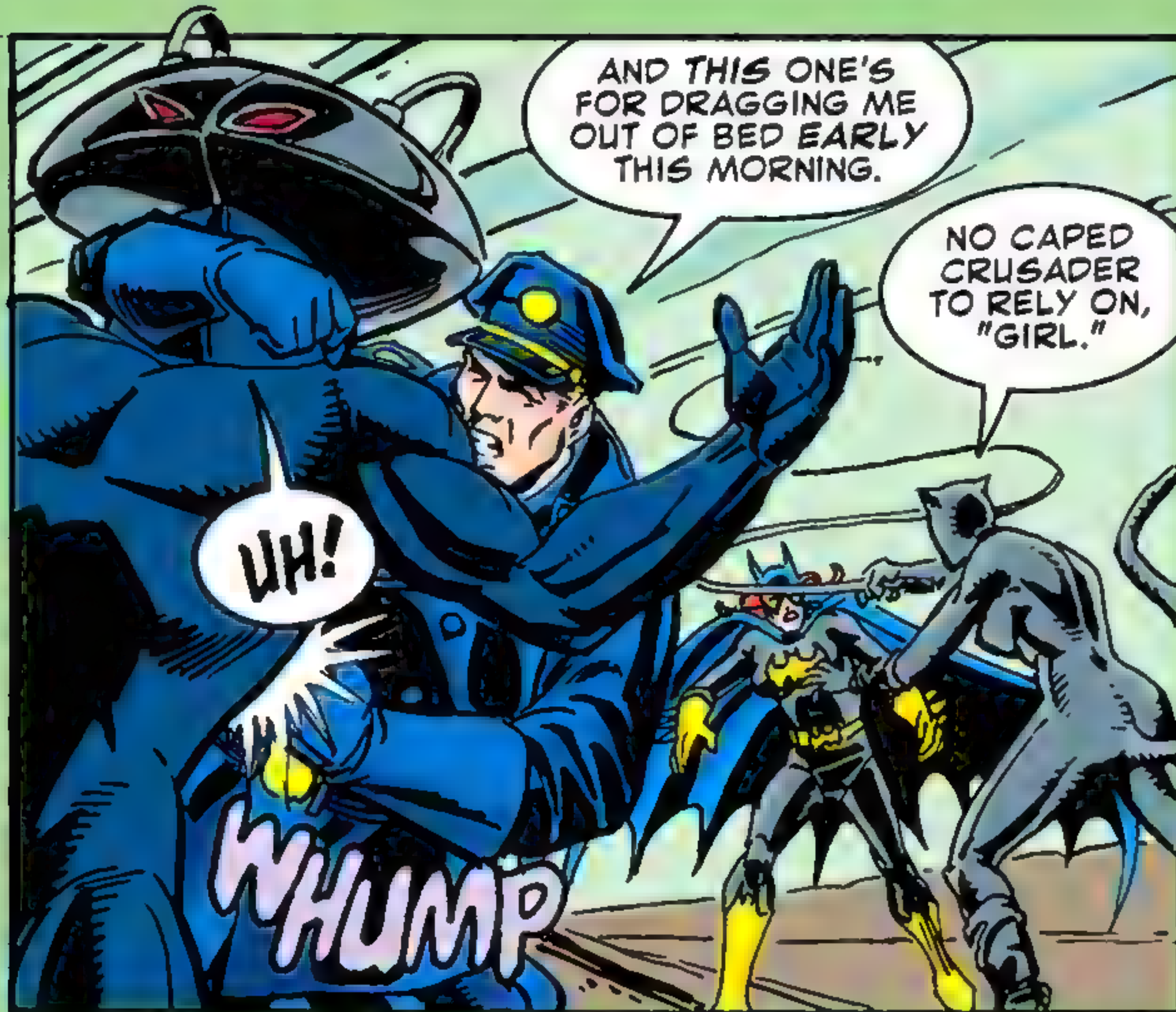


HEY! LET'S SEE WHAT THIS RED BUTTON DOES!

A FREEZE RAY.

NEAT TRICK.

KRA-KRA-KRA





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THE WEAPON
STRETCHES AND
CONTORTS AS
AGAMEMNO
ENTERS IT, BUT...

WAIT!
SOMETHING'S
WRONG--

AAAHhh...
LUTHOOOORR

SHAK-KZZT

MY
GOD!

WHAT
HAPPENED?

AGAMEMNO SHOULD HAVE
LEARNED TO BE PROUD OF
THE BODY NATURE GAVE
HIM.

THE FOOL WAS TORN APART
FROM THE INSIDE OUT. LIKE
A RAY OF LIGHT SPLIT BY
A PRISM.

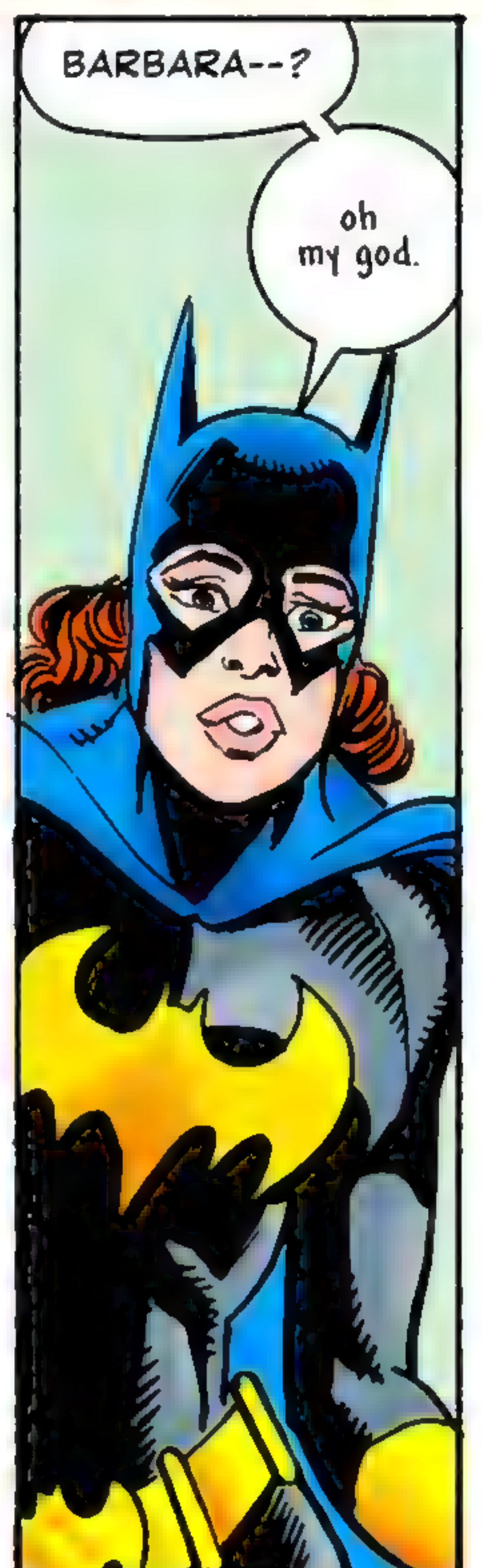
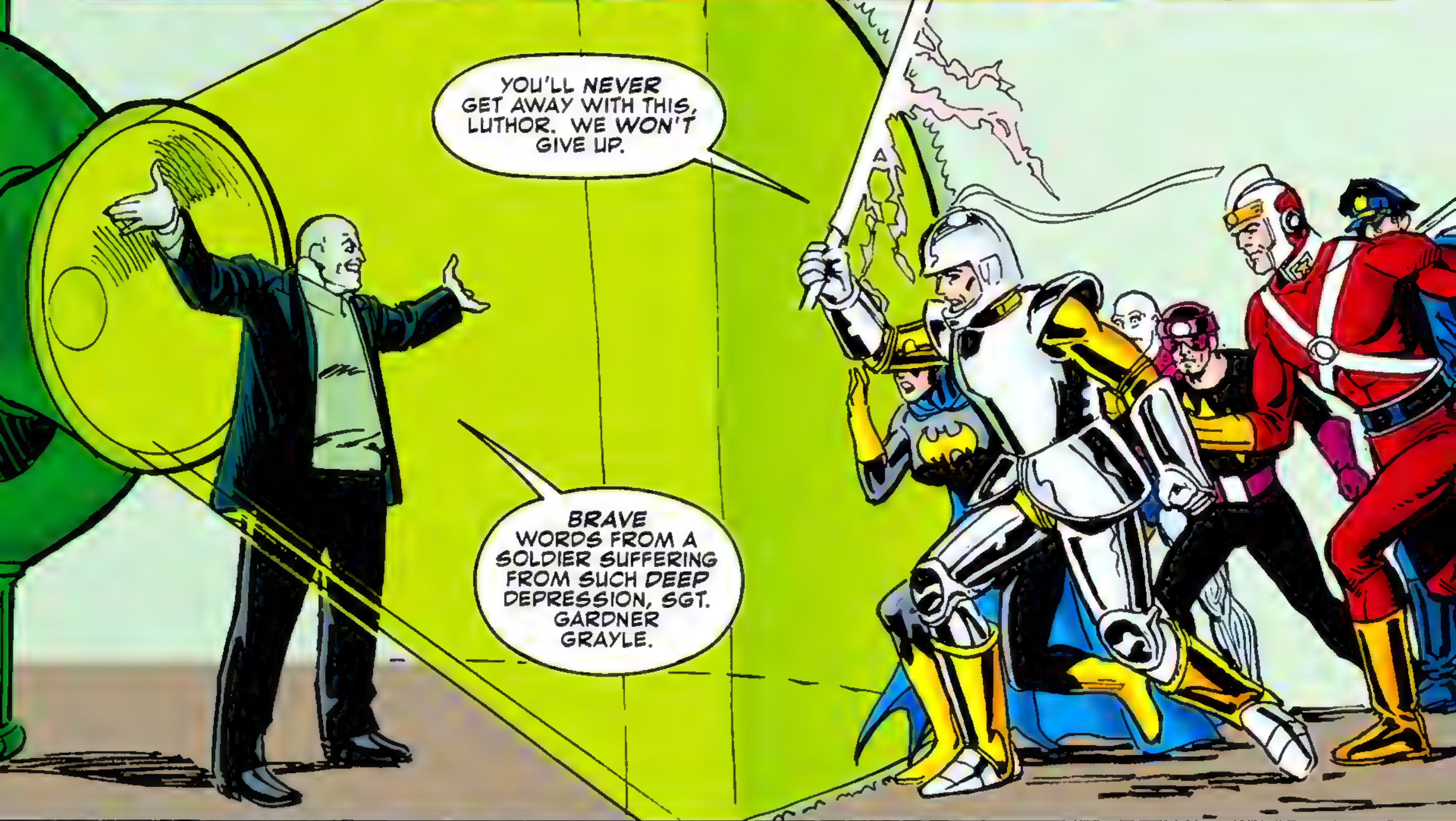
BEAUTIFUL,
WASN'T IT?

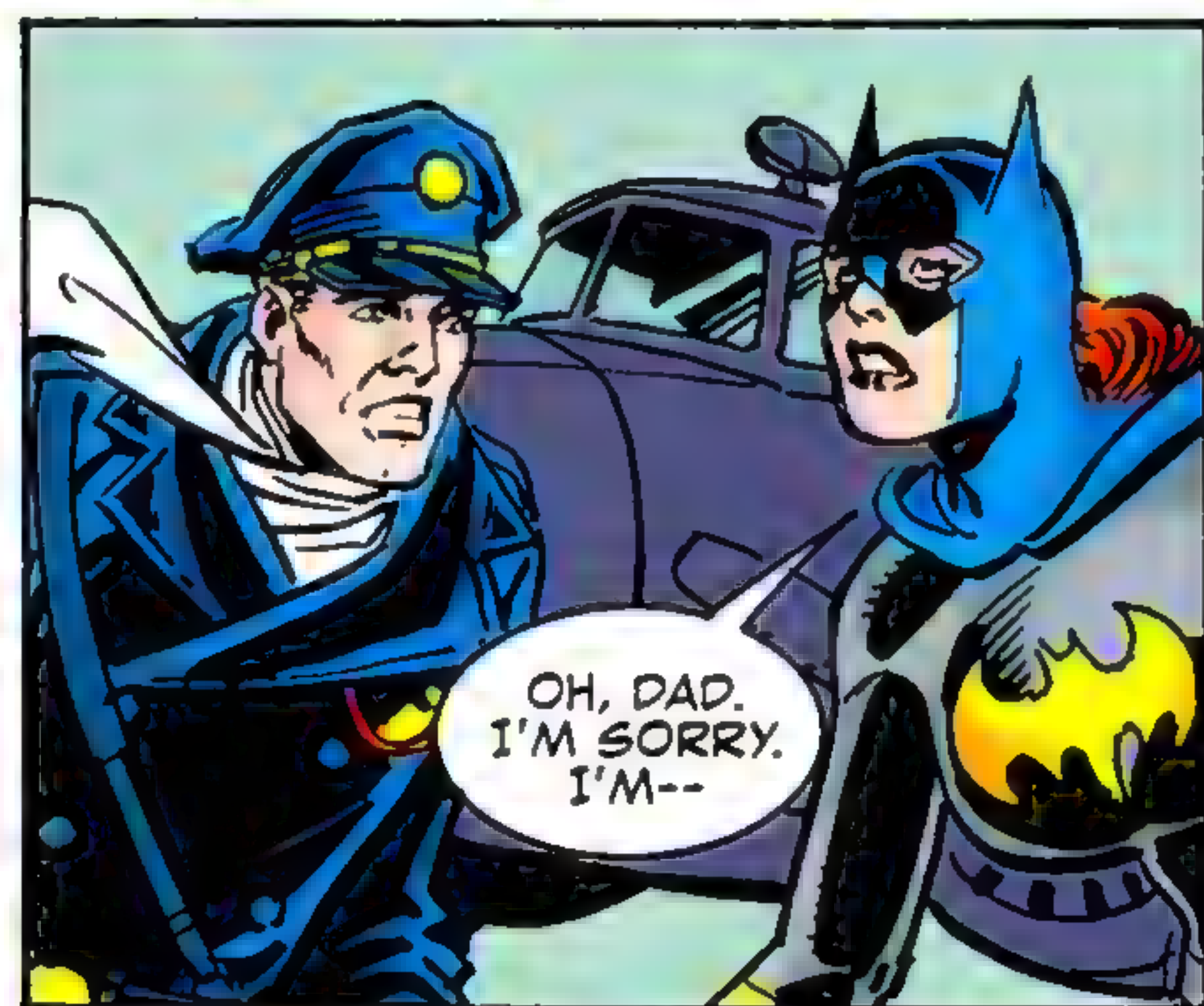
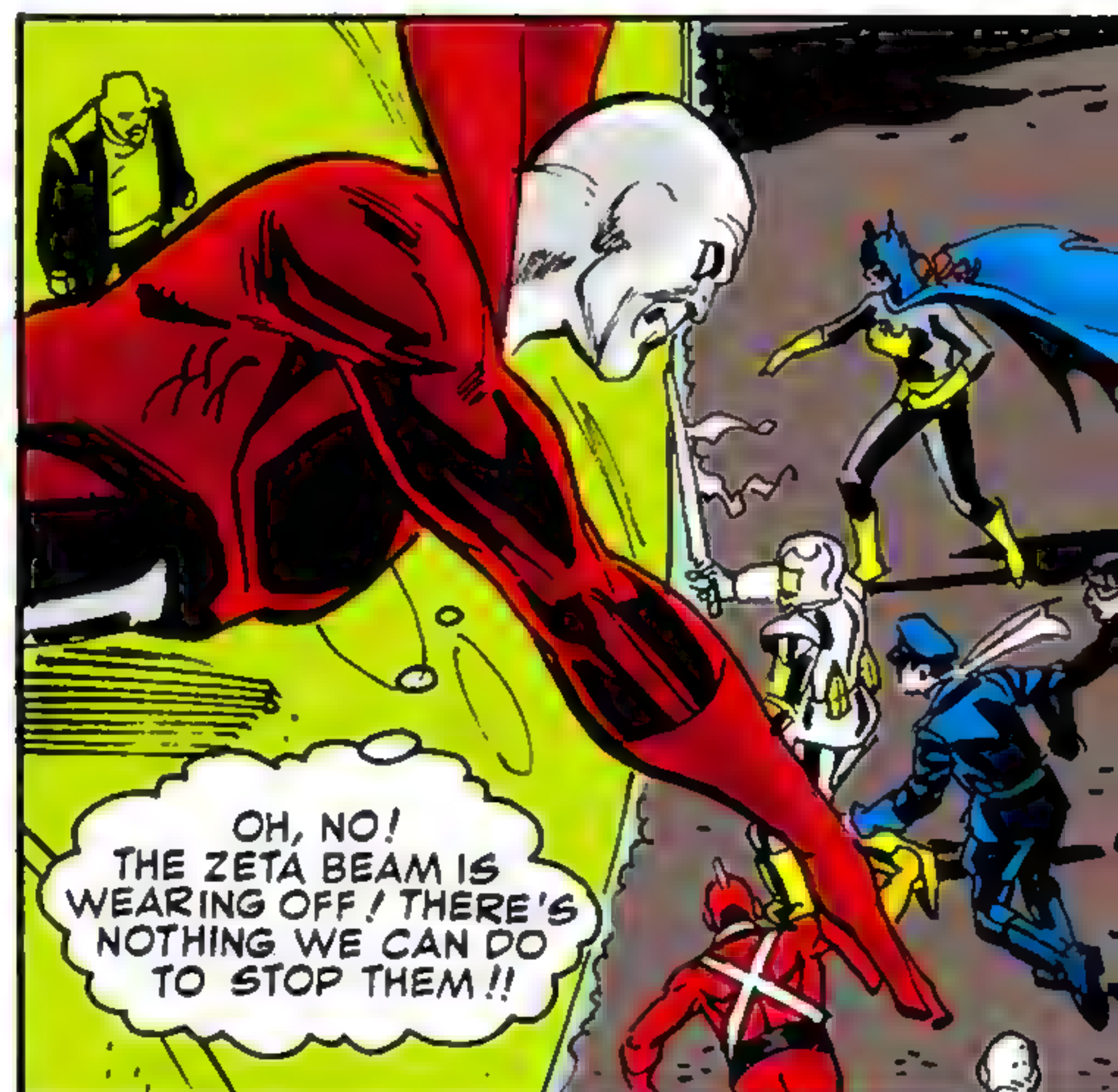
I SLIPPED
A SIMPLE
DIAMOND
IN PLACE OF
THE TRUE
PRECIOUS
ITEM--

A FRAGMENT
FROM THE JEWEL
MOUNTAINS OF
THE PLANET
KRYPTON. ONCE
ATTACHED INSIDE,
AND ILLUMINATED
BY EARTH'S
YELLOW SUN--

FWAK

--WE CAN
KISS THE YELLOW
WEAKNESS IN
THIS BATTERY
GOODBYE!



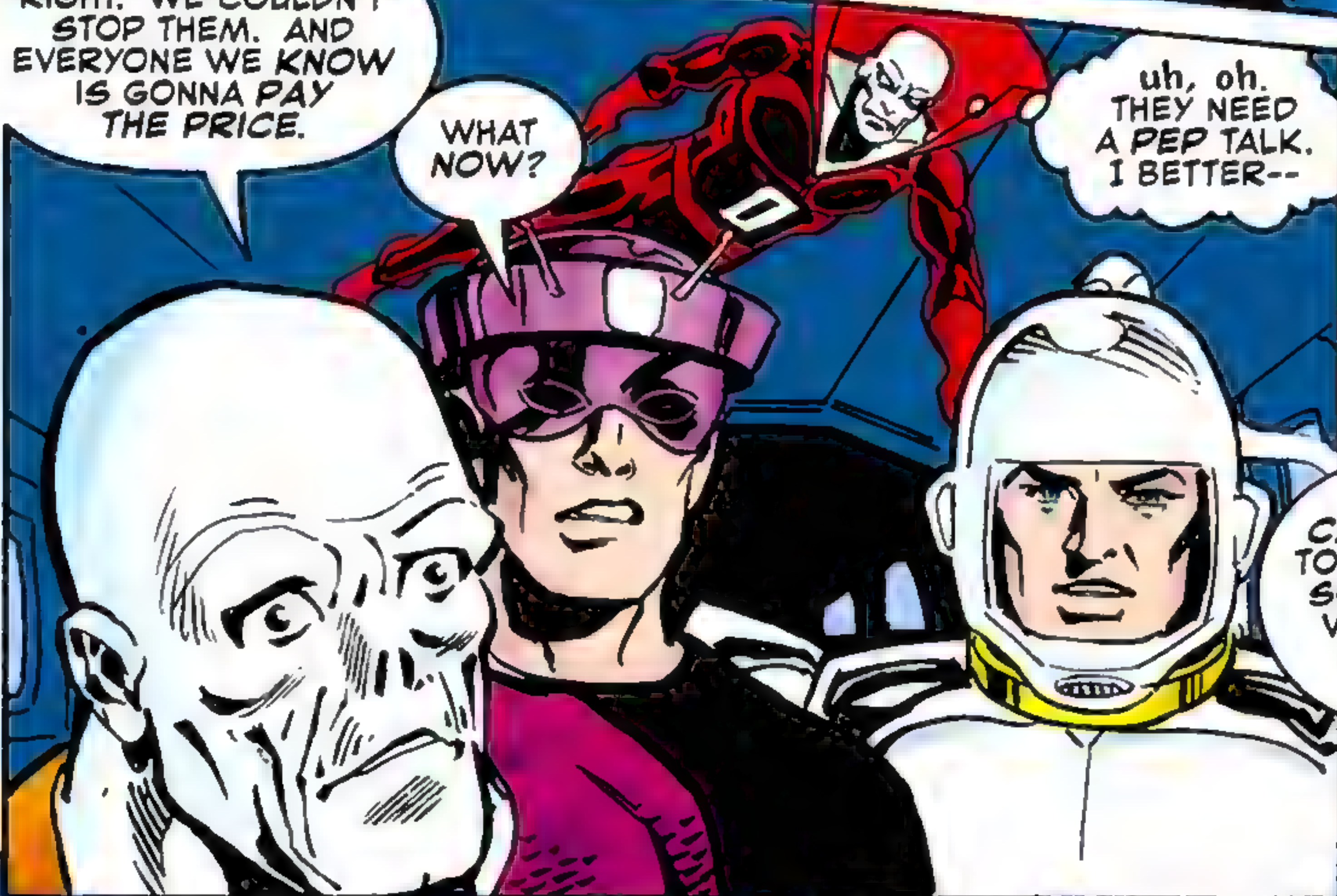




LAME-BRAIN'S RIGHT. WE COULDN'T STOP THEM. AND EVERYONE WE KNOW IS GONNA PAY THE PRICE.

WHAT NOW?

uh, oh. THEY NEED A PEP TALK. I BETTER--



WE CAN'T GIVE UP! TOGETHER WE'RE SOLDIERS. THE WORLD STILL NEEDS US... LOOK...

WE MAY BE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S ONLY HOPE. WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM. GET THEM OUT OF HIDING AND TELL THEM EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE DEALING WITH BEFORE LUTHOR AND THE OTHERS RETURN.

I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF WE STICK TOGETHER. SO...

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

ah, HELL. IF MR. DOOM AND GLOOM CAN CHANGE HIS TUNE, I'M GAME.

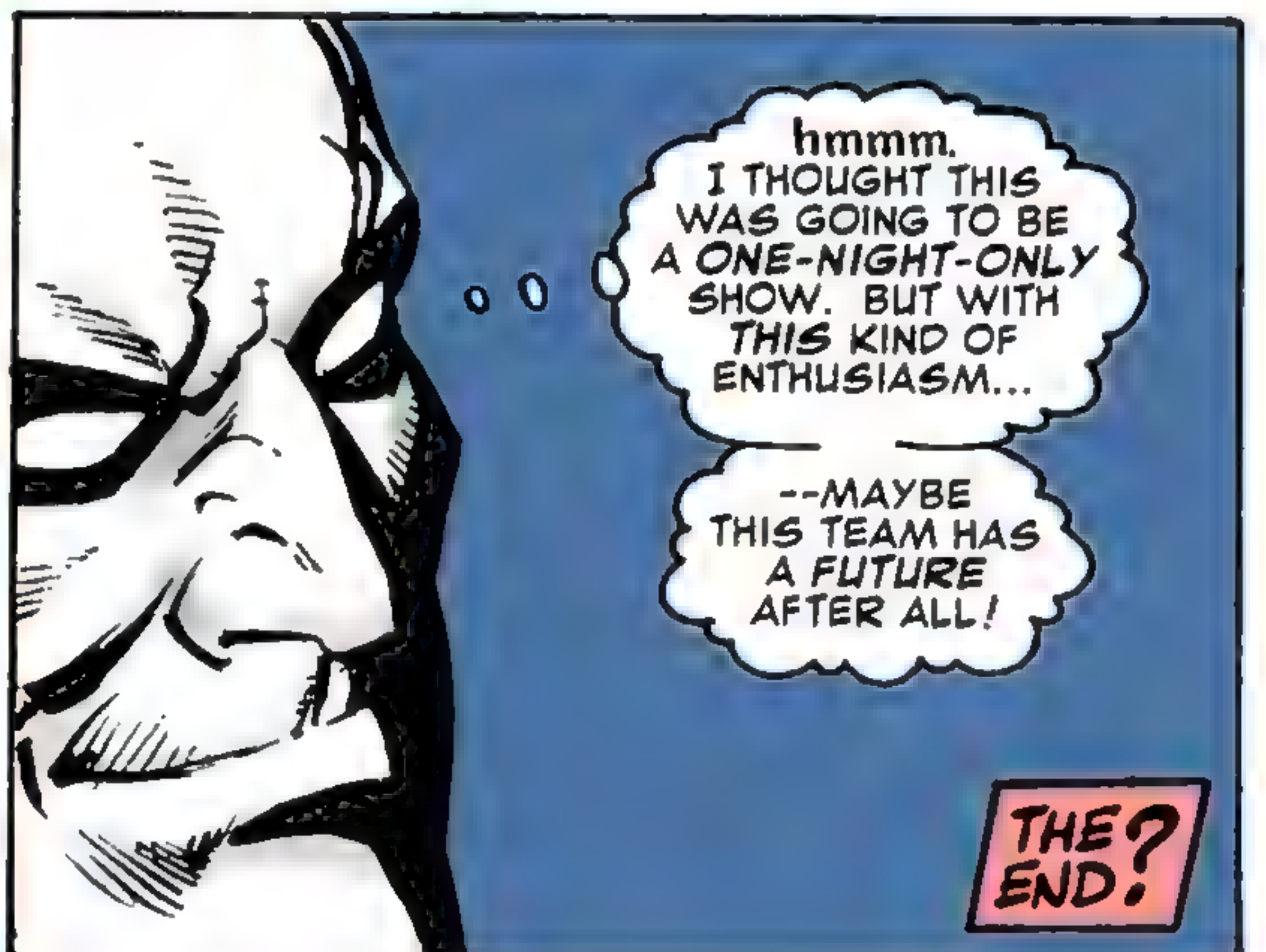
I'VE GOT NOWHERE I'VE GOTTA BE. HAPPY HOUR'S OVER.

EARTH IS AS MUCH A HOME TO ME AS RANN.

WHAT THE HELL. LET'S DO IT.



WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR, THEN? LET'S GO FIND THE JLA--



HIGH FROM SPACE THEY CAME, ARMED
WITH AN UNSTOPPABLE WEAPON AND A
PLAN FOR GLOBAL CONQUEST!

EFFORTLESSLY, WITH BUT A THOUGHT, THEY
OBLITERATED EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES!



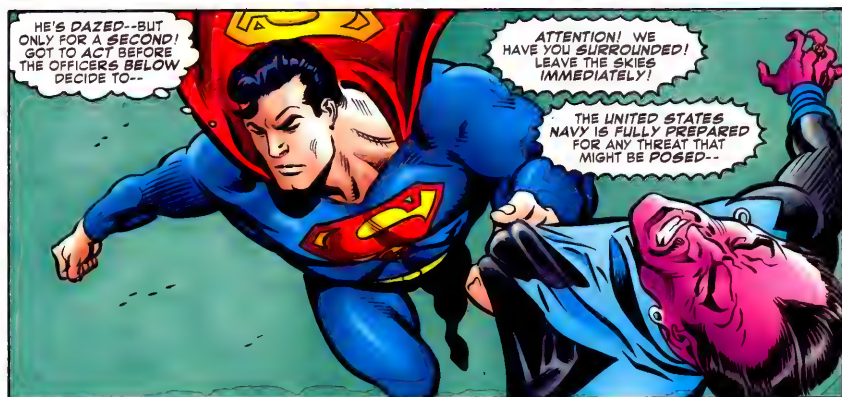
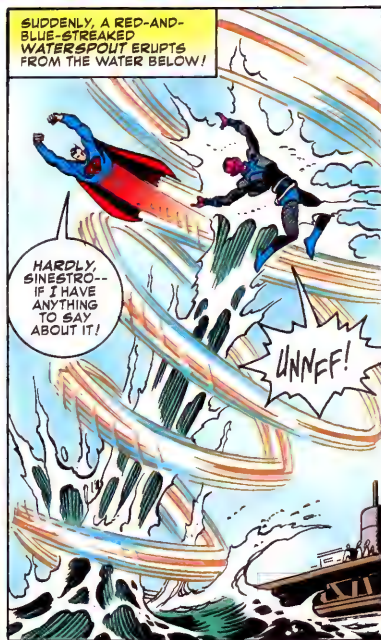
RUNNING RAMPANT, NOTHING COULD OPPOSE
THEM--UNTIL A BAND OF MYSTERY HEROES
EMERGED SEEMINGLY FROM NOWHERE!

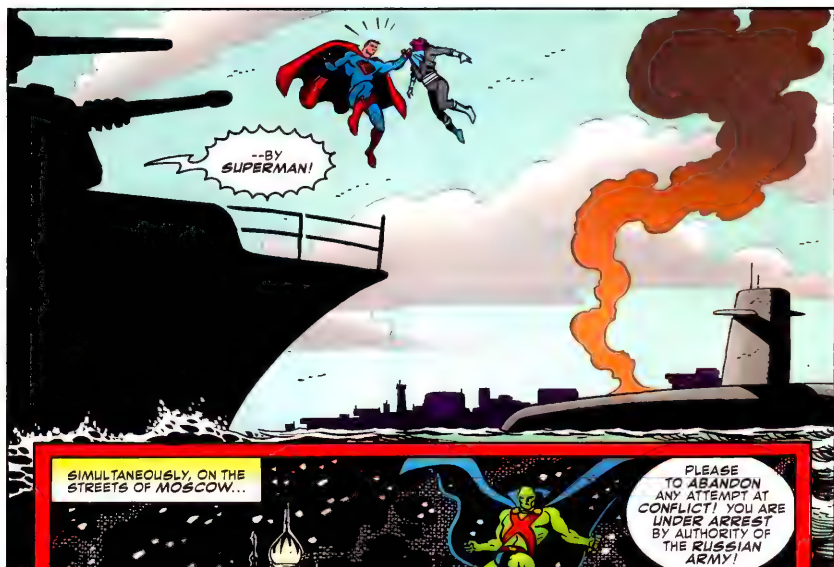
ONLY THEY COULD END THE TYRANNY
OF THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE!

WHO ARE
THEY? WHAT
ARE THEY? THE
CLUE IS ON THIS
VERY PAGE!
READ ON TO
LEARN THE
STARTLING
SECRET OF
THE--

S.O.S. to NOWHERE!

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SIMULTANEOUSLY, ON THE
STREETS OF MOSCOW...



WHILE IN
CALIFORNIA'S
NEW SOLAR
CITY...

YOU HEARD ME!
LAY DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS AND
SURRENDER!



WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE?
SUPERMAN--FLASH
AND MARTIAN
MANHUNTER--GREEN
ARROW AND BLACK
CANARY--THE
ENTIRE JUSTICE
LEAGUE OF
AMERICA TREATED
LIKE
BLACK-HEARTED
CRIMINALS BY
THE
AUTHORITIES?
HAS THE
WORLD GONE
TOSY-TURVY?

TO ANSWER
THAT QUESTION,
WE MUST TURN THE
CLOCK BACK
AN HOUR...

...TO FIND THE JLA UNDERGROUND... LITERALLY!

ALL THESE ARE
THE ONLY WAY
WE CAN REACH
THE DARK REALM



AND THIS IS WHY WE'RE HIDING IN THE BATCAVE? IT'S NUTS! THIS PAPER'S A RAG!

ROGUE JLAers THREATEN EARTH!

FIRST, GREEN ARROW: THE DAILY PLANET IS HARDLY A "RAG."

SECOND, ITS REPORTERS ARE EYEWITNESSES TO THE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK. EVERYONE IN THE WORLD NOW FEARS US.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO SAY THESE WORDS...BUT BATMAN'S PLAN BACKFIRED.

STILL, HIS INSTINCTS WERE SOUND. WHEN THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE SWAPPED BODIES WITH US TO SEARCH SPACE FOR SOME SUPER-WEAPON, WE COULDN'T VERY WELL HAVE THE WORLD WELCOME THEM WITH OPEN ARMS ONCE THEY RETURNED!

WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SABOTAGE OUR OWN REPUTATIONS TO STIR UP DISTRUST...

...FRAMING OURSELVES FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY!*

*NEATLY SUMMING UP THE EVENTS BEGUN IN SILVER AGE #1 -- EDITOR

WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN A FINE AGENDA, AQUAMAN... IF WE HADN'T REVERTED TO OUR TRUE SELVES BEFORE THE VILLAINS MADE THEIR ATTACK!

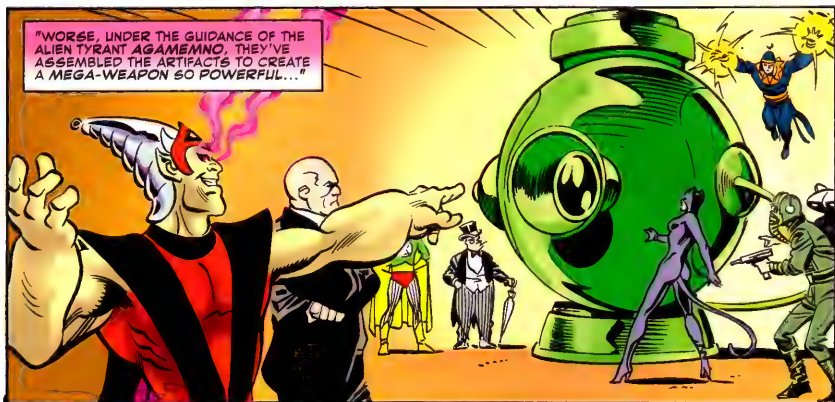
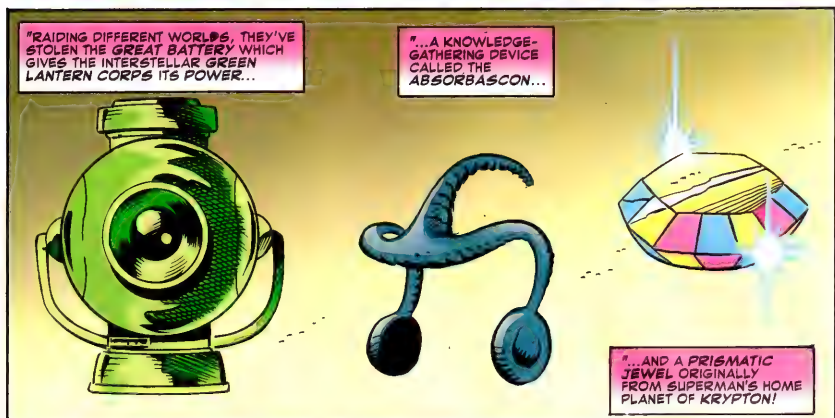
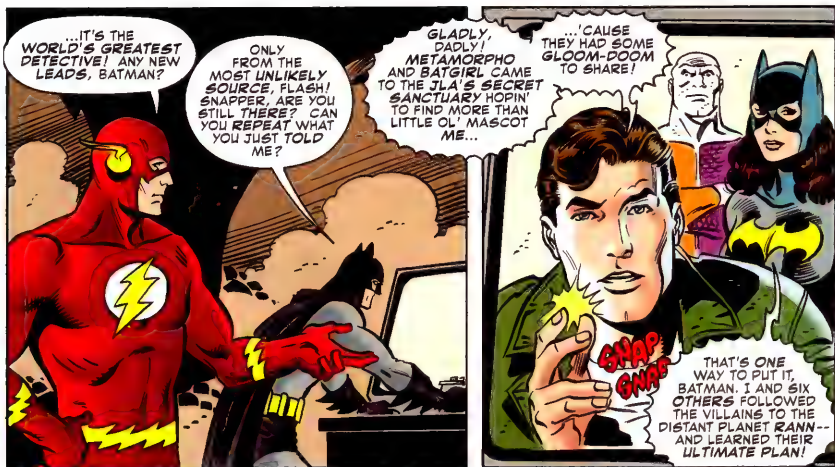
CANARY'S RIGHT. NOW THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM...AND WE'RE LEFT IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF EVERY ARMY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BRANCH ON EARTH--VICTIM TO OUR OWN CAMPAIGN!

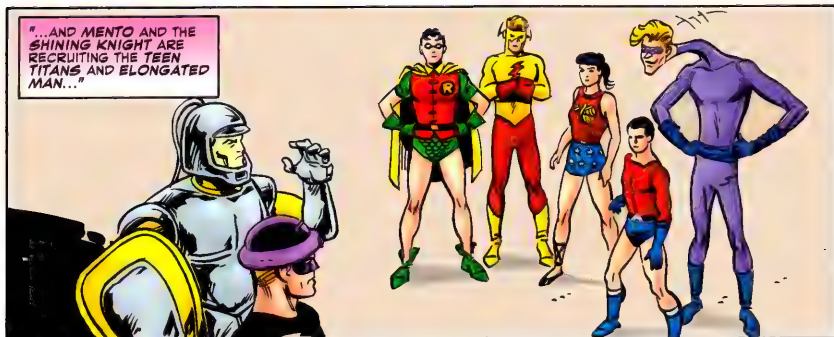
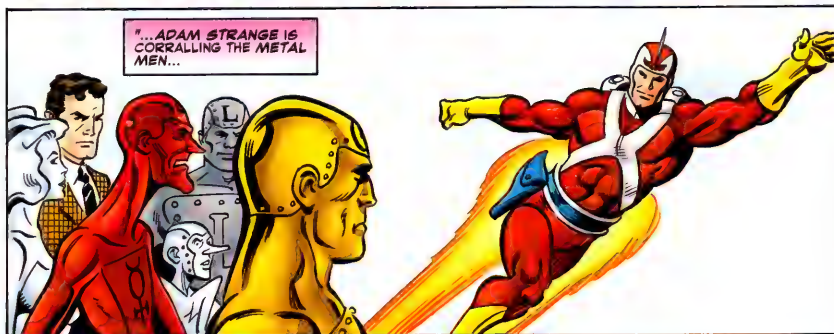
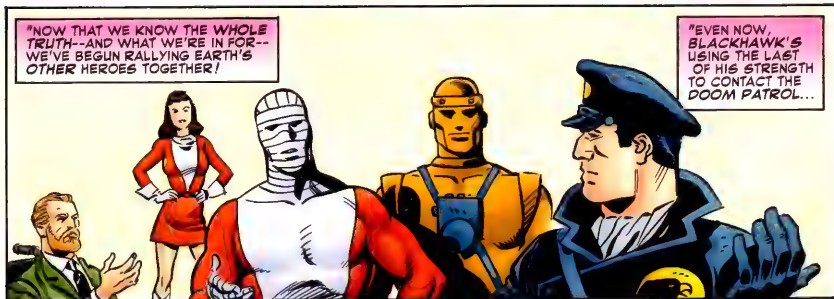
IF WE SO MUCH AS SHOW OUR FACES IN PUBLIC, WE COULD START WORLD WAR THREE--AND MEANWHILE, THE BAD GUYS ARE STILL AT LARGE!

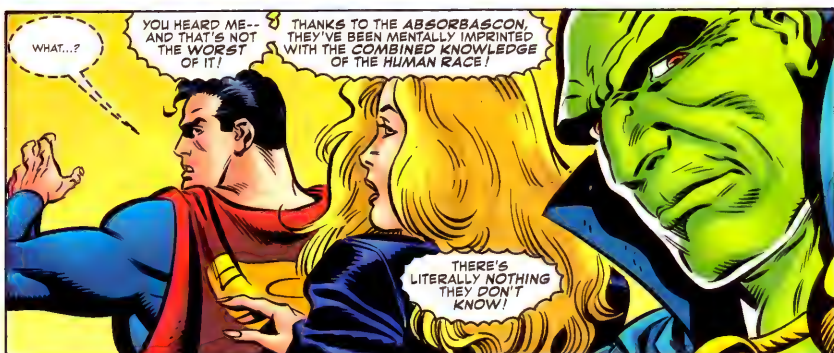
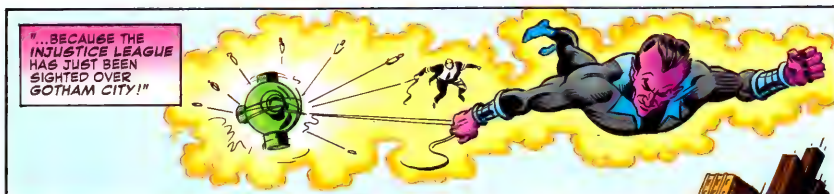
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY WE REVERTED, ATOM. PERHAPS THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE MET SOME TERRIBLE FATE BEFORE THEY COULD ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL.

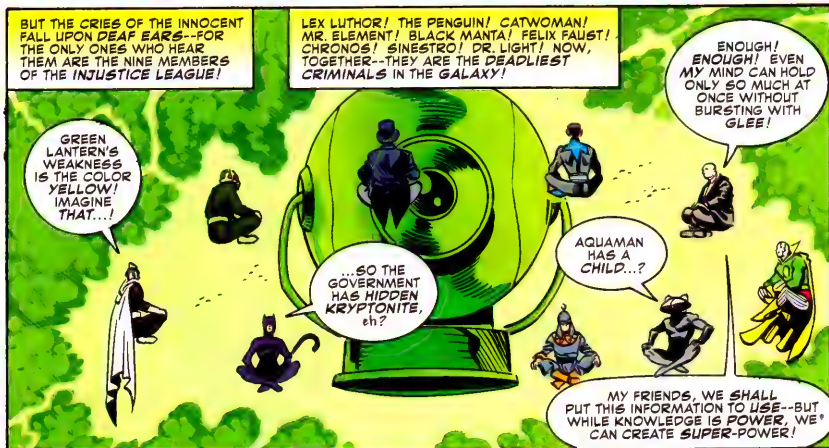
I DOUBT IT, MANHUNTER. REMEMBER, WE SENT GREEN LANTERN AFTER THEM...AND HE HASN'T RETURNED, EITHER. I'M WORRIED FOR HIM.

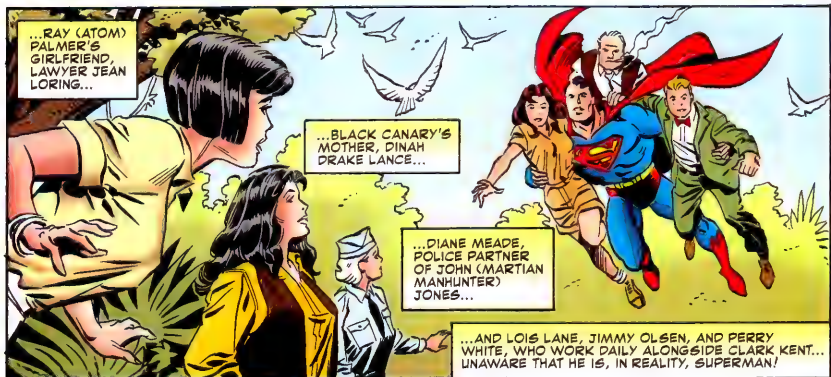
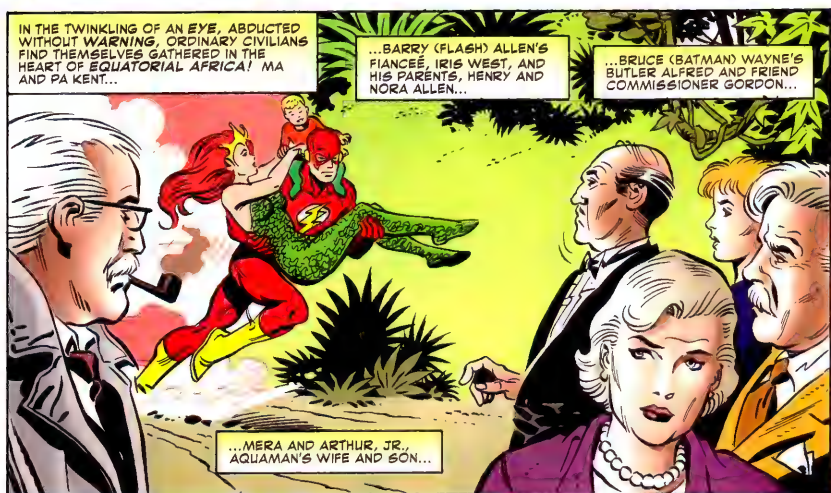
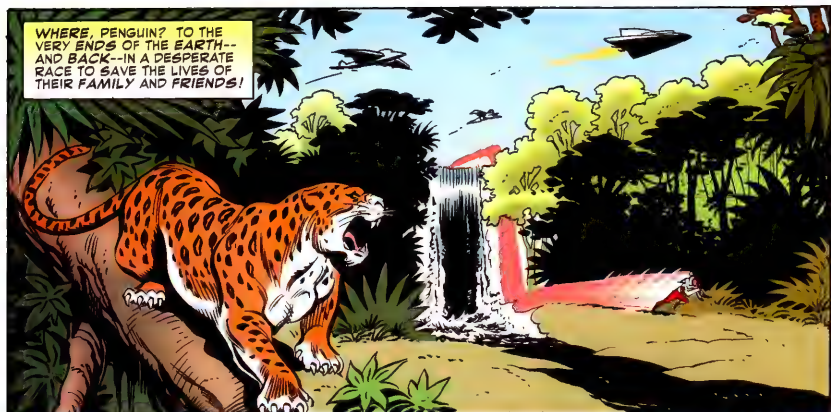
THERE'S TOO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW. FORTUNATELY, IF ANYONE CAN PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION...

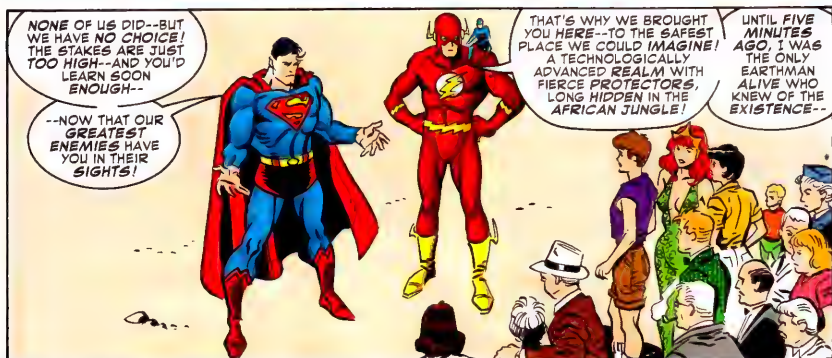
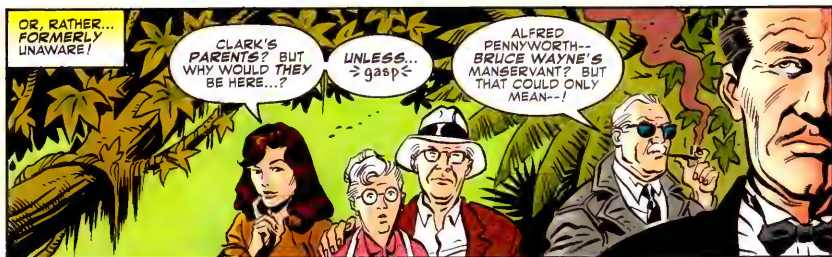
















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CHAPTER TWO



HURLING
ACROSS THE
WAVES OF
THE MIGHTY
ATLANTIC
COME...

SUPERMAN
TEEN TITANS
AQUAMAN



OUR MARINE
FRIENDS WERE RIGHT,
AQUALAD! THERE'S
SINESTRO--HELPING
HIMSELF TO A NUCLEAR
CACHE!

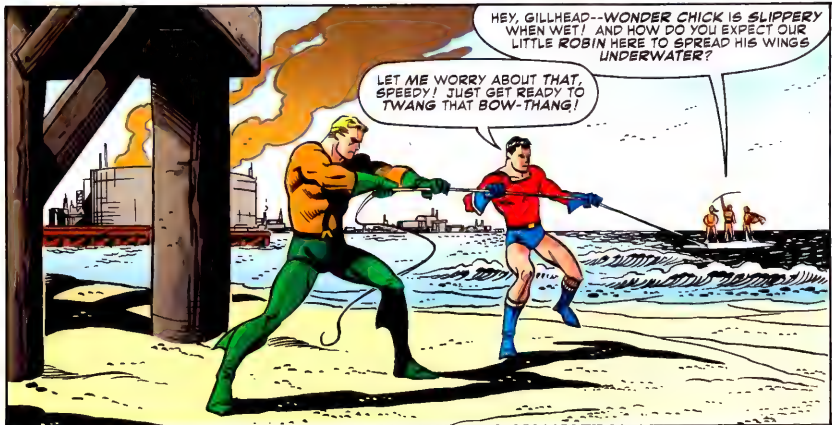
I'LL HANDLE
HIM, AQUAMAN!
YOU AND THE
TITANS SCOUT
FOR BLACK
MANTA!

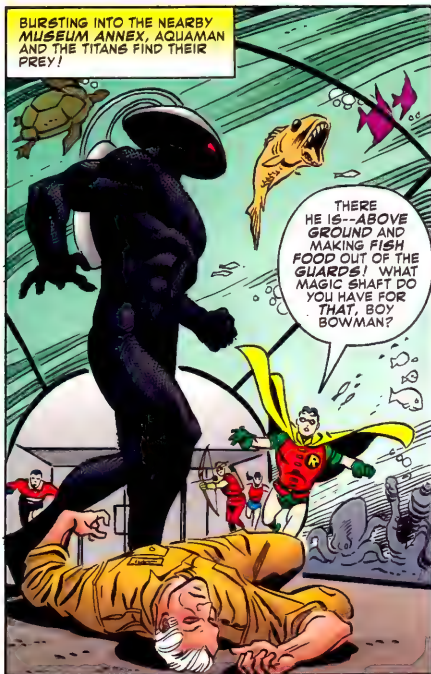
MANTA?
WE'RE DIVING
AFTER THAT SUBSEA
SCREWBALL?

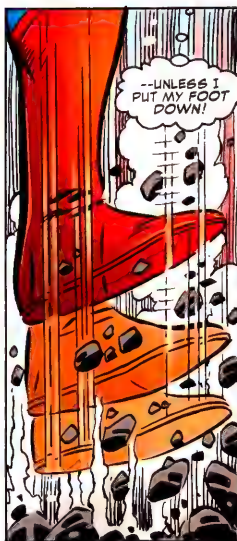
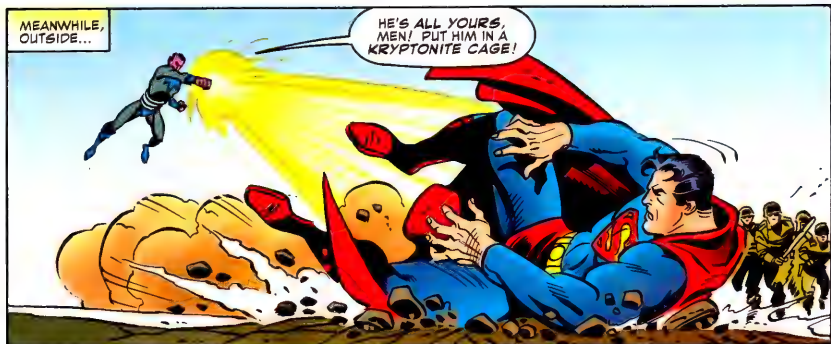


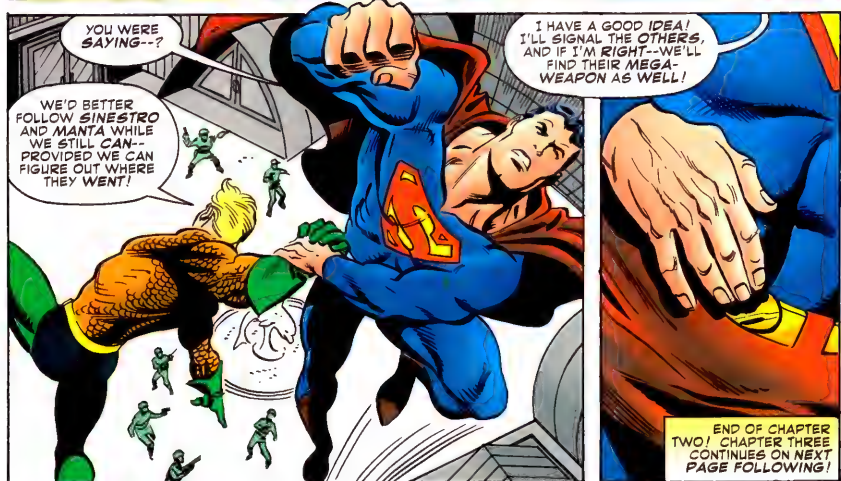
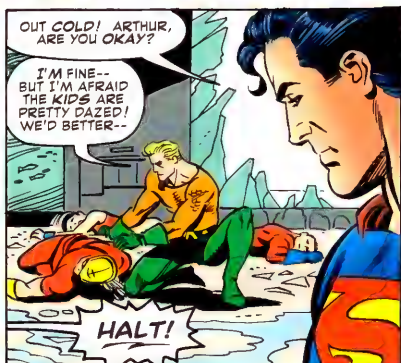
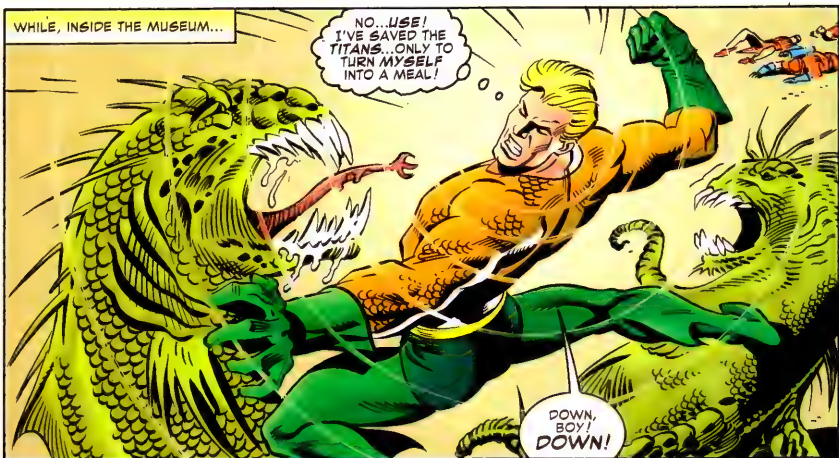
HEY, GILLHEAD--WONDER CHICK IS SLIPPERY
WHEN WET! AND HOW DO YOU EXPECT OUR
LITTLE ROBIN HERE TO SPREAD HIS WINGS
UNDERWATER?

LET ME WORRY ABOUT THAT,
SPEEDY! JUST GET READY TO
TWANG THAT BOW-THANG!





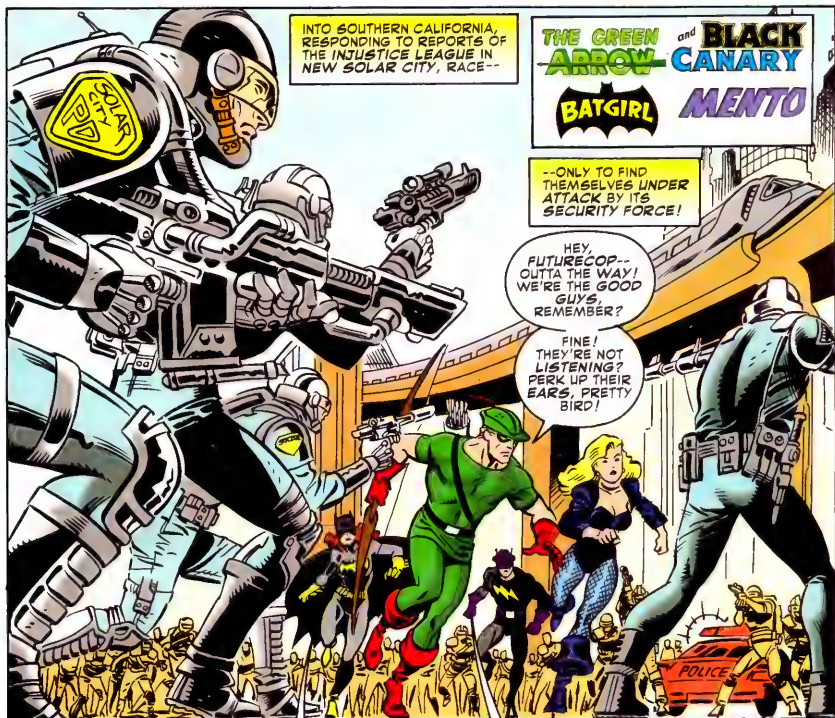






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ELSEWHERE...

NEW SOLAR CITY--BRAINCHILD OF BRUCE GORDON AND HIS MENTOR, DR. SIMON BENNETT!

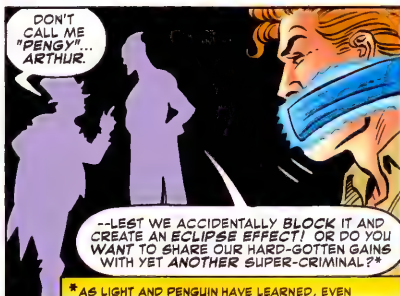
KUDOS ON ITS CENTERPIECE, GORDON! HAD YOUR PHOTON CONVERTER PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, THE HUMAN RACE WOULD QUICKLY HAVE BECOME DEPENDENT ON YOUR BENEVOLENCE FOR ITS ENERGY NEEDS!

⇒WAUGH!⇐
AS IT HAPPENS, THOUGH, WE PREFER THE WORLD TO BE DEPENDENT ON NO ONE--



--BUT US!

CAREFUL, PENGY. HOW YONDER LIGHT BREAKS--



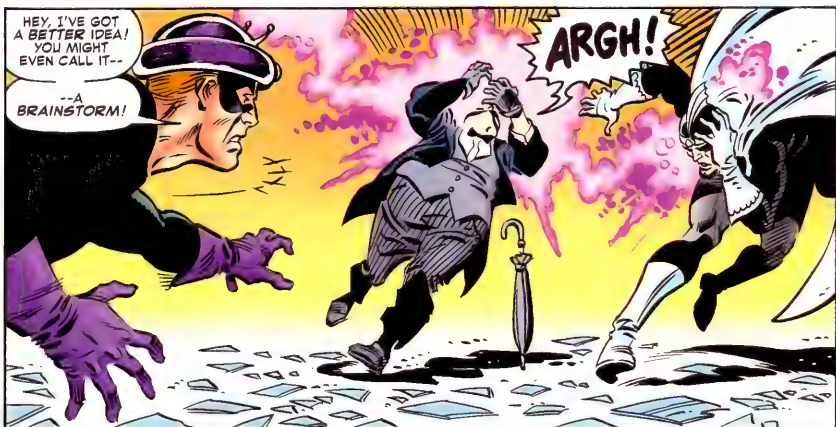
DON'T CALL ME "PENGY"... ARTHUR.

--LEST WE ACCIDENTALLY BLOCK IT AND CREATE AN ECLIPSE EFFECT! OR DO YOU WANT TO SHARE OUR HARD-GOTTEN GAINS WITH YET ANOTHER SUPER-CRIMINAL?*

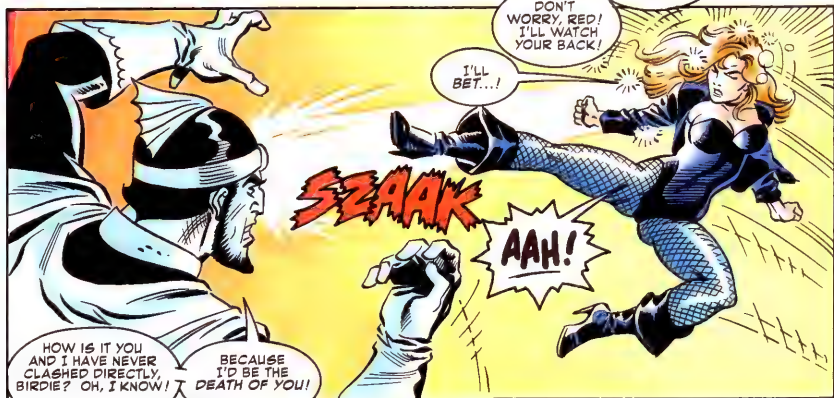
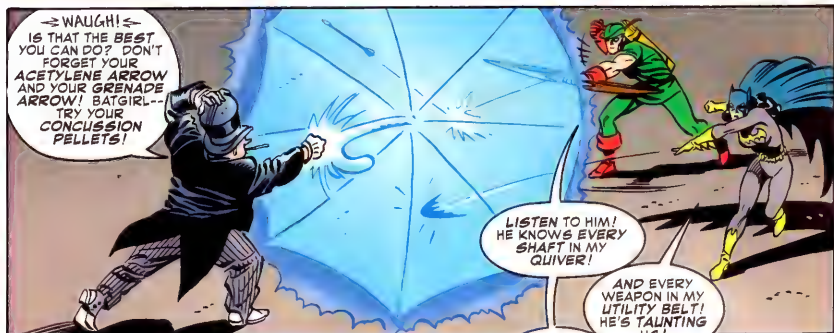
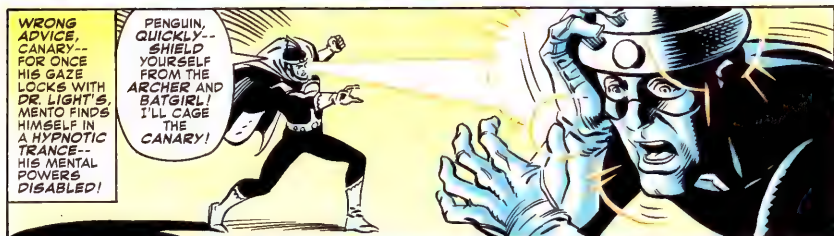
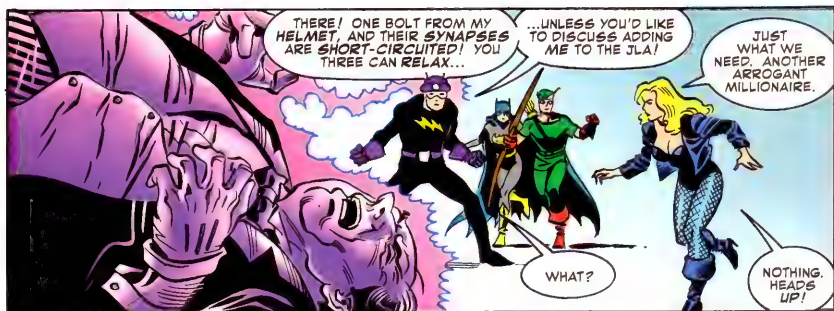
*AS LIGHT AND PENGUIN HAVE LEARNED, EVEN ARTIFICIAL ECLIPSES TRIGGER GORDON'S Jekyll/HYDE TRANSFORMATIONS INTO THE SINISTER ECLIPSO!
--EDITOR

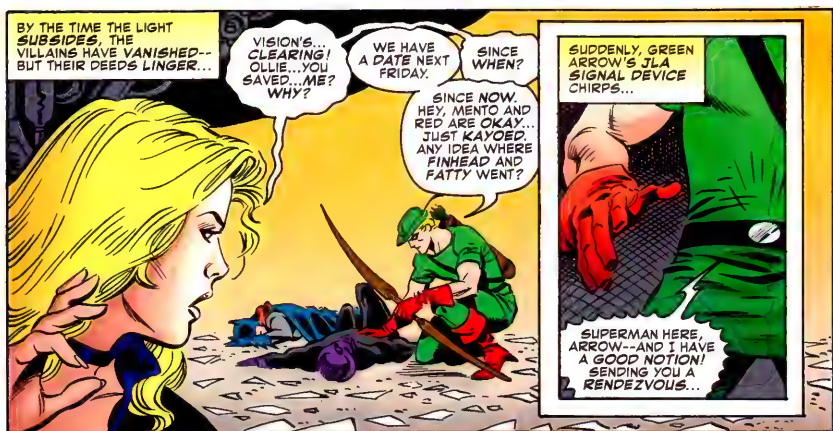
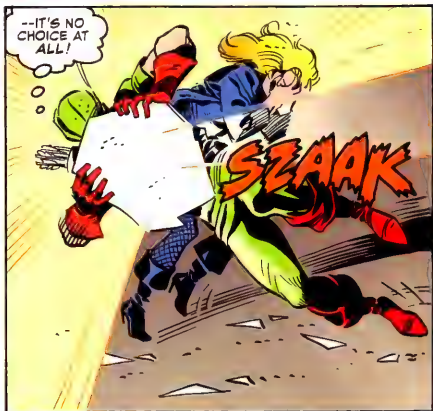
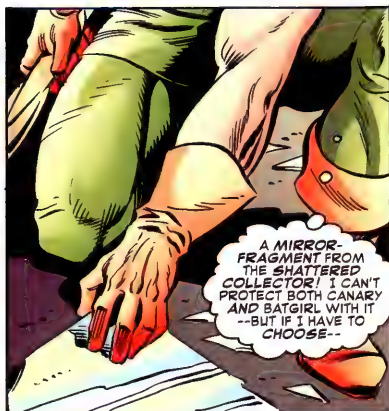
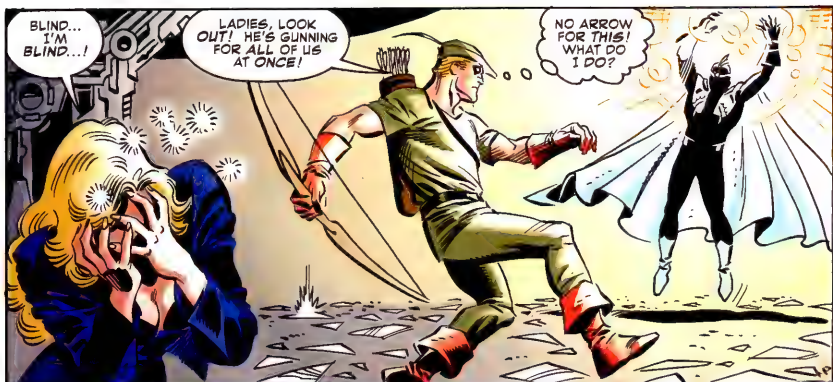
HEY, I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA! YOU MIGHT EVEN CALL IT--

--A BRAINSTORM!



ARGH!



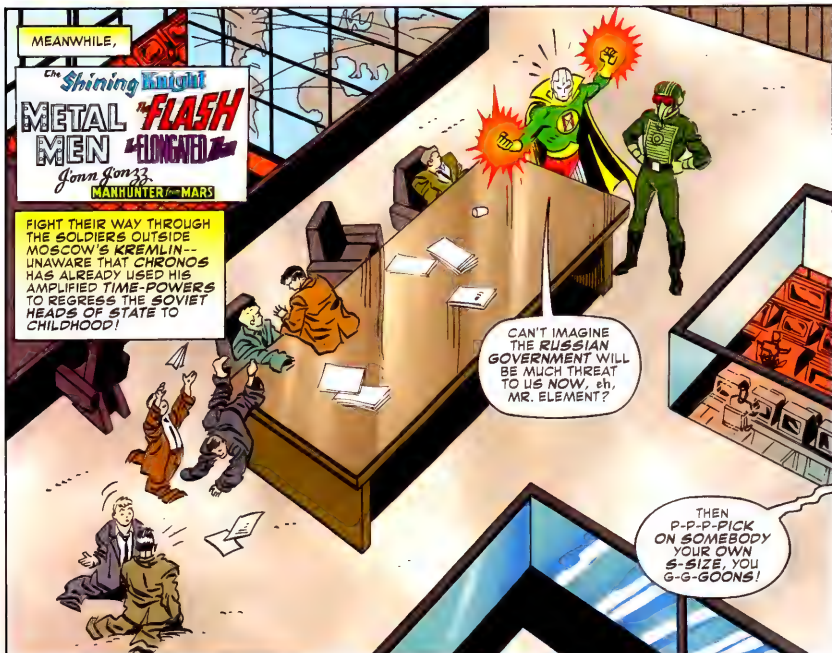


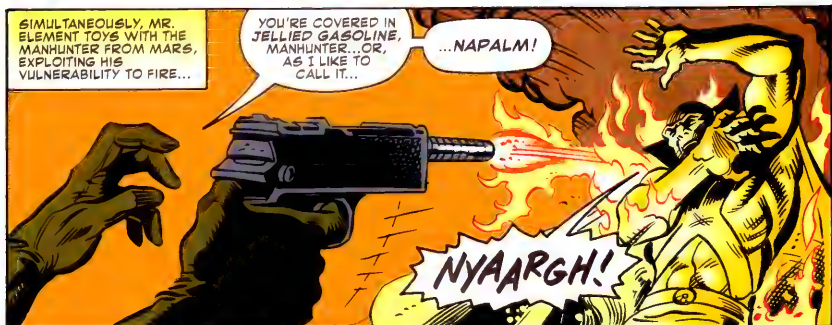
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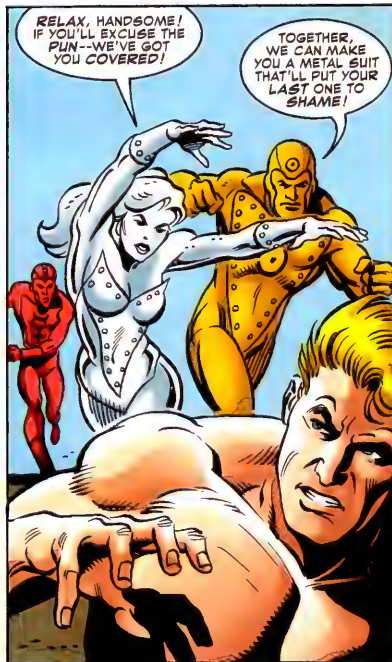
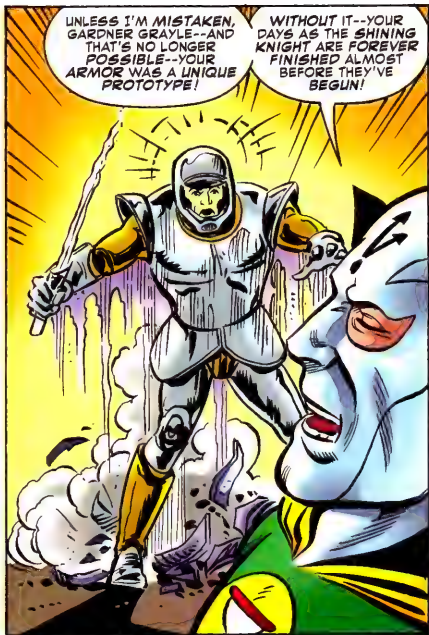


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IN AGONY, BARELY CONSCIOUS, GRAYLE STAGGERS HEROICALLY TOWARDS THE FALLEN MANHUNTER...

ROBOTS...
SHUTTING DOWN
FROM THE PAIN...
AND I'M NEXT!

GOT TO
HELP J'ONN...
WHILE I STILL
CAN!

GOT TO
HELP J'ON
WHILE I S
CAN!

--BY BLOWING FLASH FREE OF CHRONOS'S TRAP!

A comic book panel showing Chronos, a green-skinned figure with a blue cape, crouching on the left. He is launching Flash, who is wearing his red and yellow suit, into the air. Flash is shown in mid-air, having just been propelled by Chronos's action. The background is a bright, hazy sky with some clouds.

MOMENTS LATER, FLASH AND MANHUNTER TEND TO THEIR FALLEN COMRADES...

THEY'RE OUT **COLD**--CHRONOS AND ELEMENT ARE GONE--AND THE ARMY WILL BE ON US AGAIN **ANY SECOND!** WHAT NOW, J'ONN?

A comic book panel showing Flash and Manhunter. Flash, in his red suit with a yellow lightning bolt, is in the foreground, looking down at a fallen blonde man. Manhunter, in a green suit with a blue cape, is in the background, also tending to a fallen blonde man. The scene is set against a backdrop of orange and yellow flames or smoke.

THEY'RE OUT COLD--CHRONOS
AND ELEMENT ARE GONE--AND
THE ARMY WILL BE ON US
AGAIN ANY SECOND! WHAT
NOW, J'ONN?

AND AS IF IN ANSWER...

FLASH--J'ONN--THIS IS SUPERMAN! MEET US IMMEDIATELY AT THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES...

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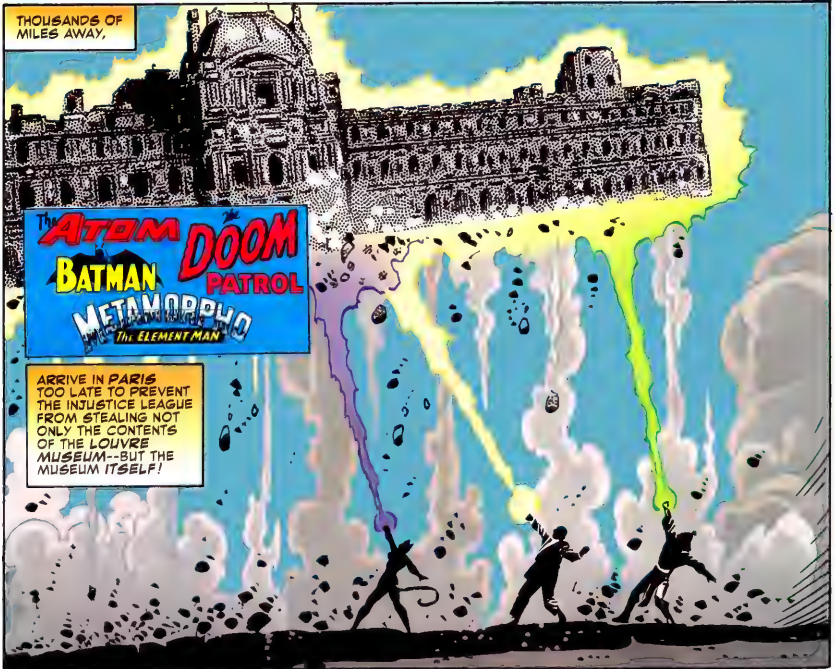
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THOUSANDS OF
MILES AWAY,

THE ATOM
BATMAN DOOM
PATROL
METAMORPHO
THE ELEMENT MAN

ARRIVE IN PARIS
TOO LATE TO PREVENT
THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE
FROM STEALING NOT
ONLY THE CONTENTS
OF THE LOUVRE
MUSEUM--BUT THE
MUSEUM ITSELF!

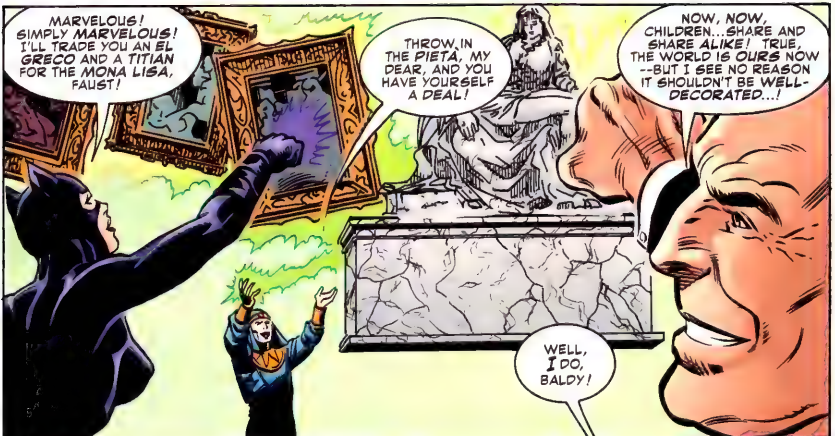


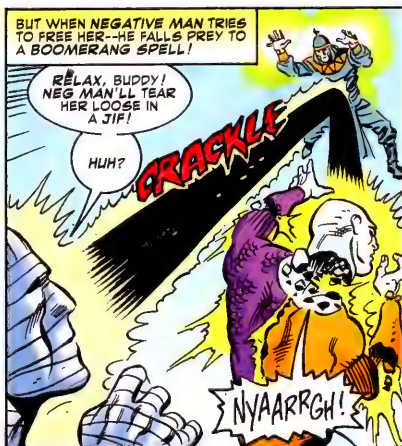
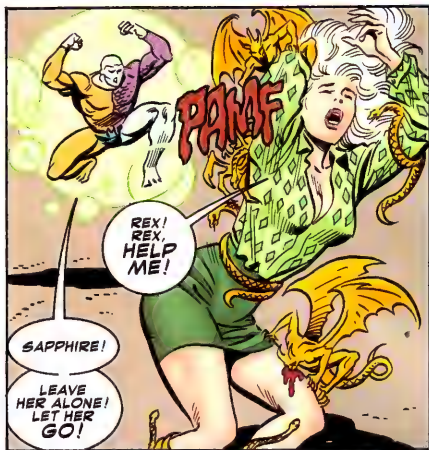
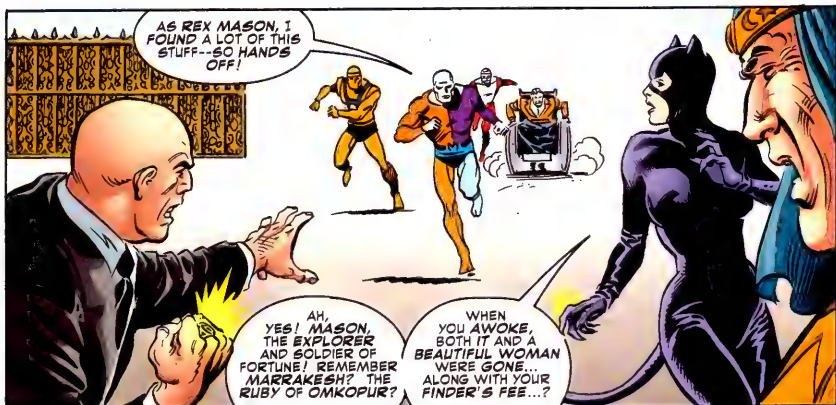
MARVELOUS!
SIMPLY MARVELOUS!
I'LL TRADE YOU AN EL
GRECO AND A TITIAN
FOR THE MONA LISA,
FAUST!

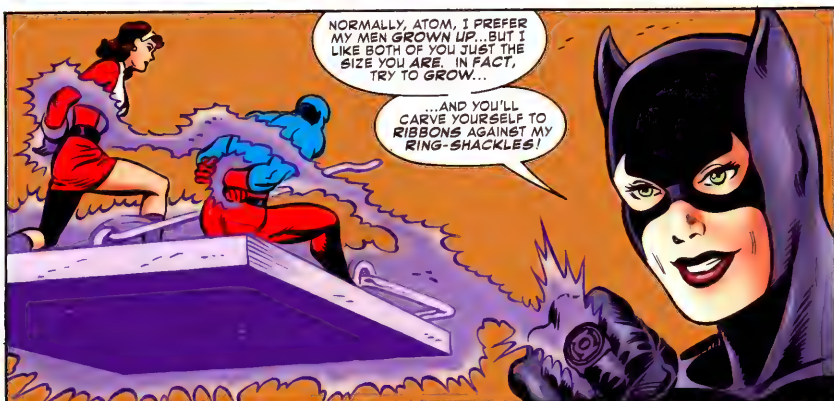
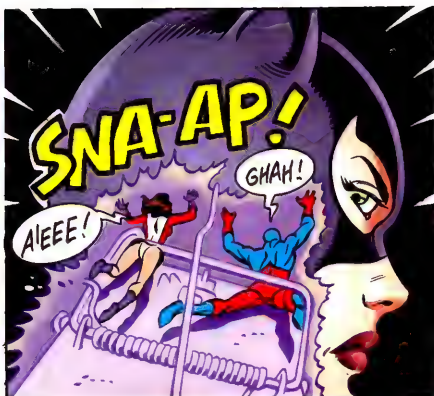
THROW IN
THE PIETA, MY
DEAR, AND YOU
HAVE YOURSELF
A DEAL!

NOW, NOW,
CHILDREN... SHARE AND
SHARE ALIKE! TRUE,
THE WORLD IS OURS NOW
--BUT I SEE NO REASON
IT SHOULDN'T BE WELL-
DECORATED...!

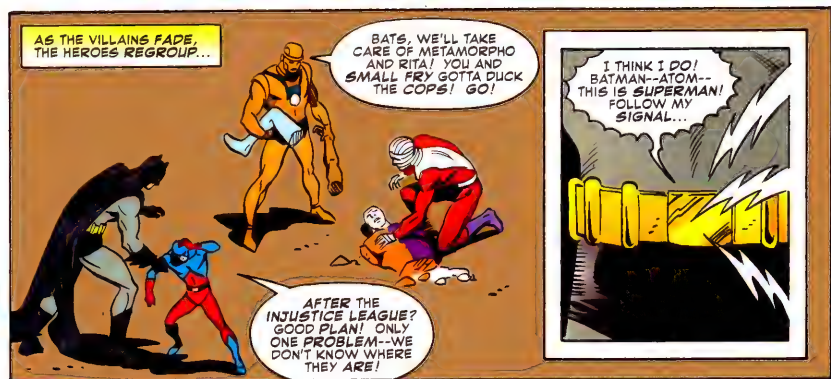
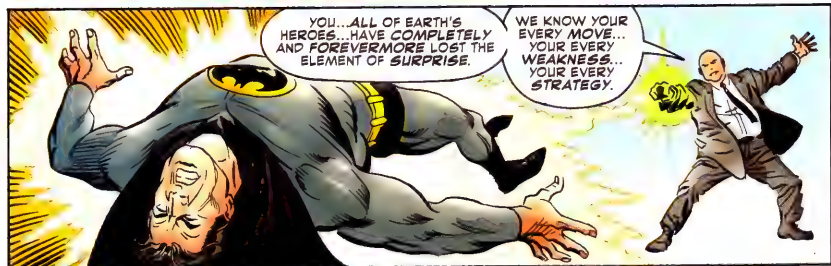
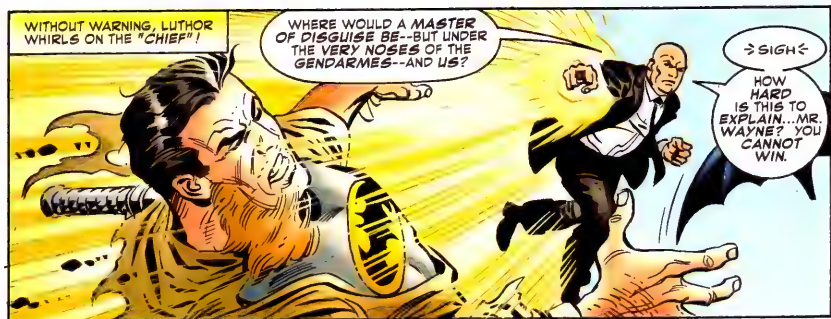
WELL,
I DO,
BALDY!











"...TO THE LEXCORP BUILDING!"

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! IF LUTHOR'S IN CHARGE--

--THEN THE INJUSTICE LEAGUE AND THEIR MEGA-WEAPON ARE SURELY HIDDEN INSIDE LEX'S SKYSCRAPER!

AS FAR AS LUTHOR'S CONCERNED, METROPOLIS IS THE CENTER OF THE WORLD!

MAYBE HE'S INSTALLED LEAD SHIELDING AGAINST YOUR X-RAY VISION?

I THOUGHT OF THAT--BUT J'ONN'S SUPER-VISION SEES THROUGH EVERYTHING, AND HE'S FOUND NOTHING! THEY'RE NOWHERE IN SIGHT!

Hmmm. OR...ARE THEY...?

I WISH GL WERE HERE! I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM--AND ABOUT KID FLASH! HAS ANYONE SEEN HIM?

ADAM STRANGE IS MISSING, TOO. IT'S DOWN TO THE EIGHT OF US...AND I DON'T LIKE THOSE ODDS.

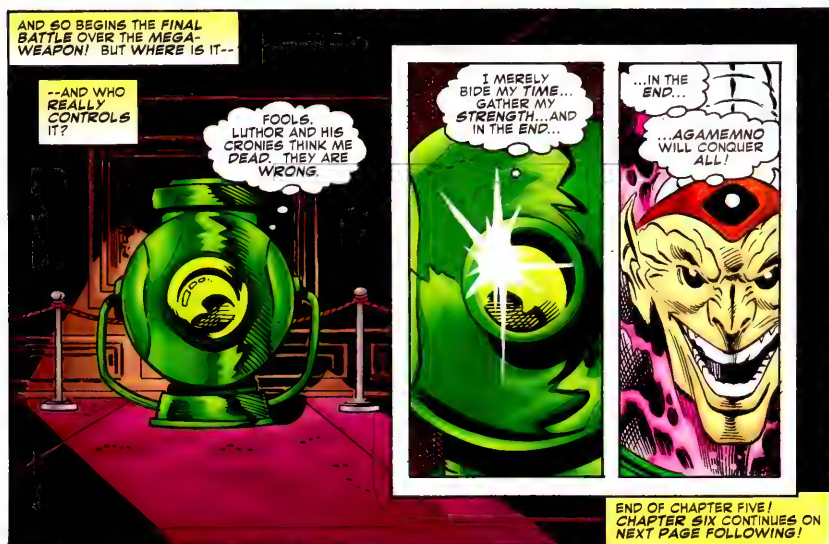
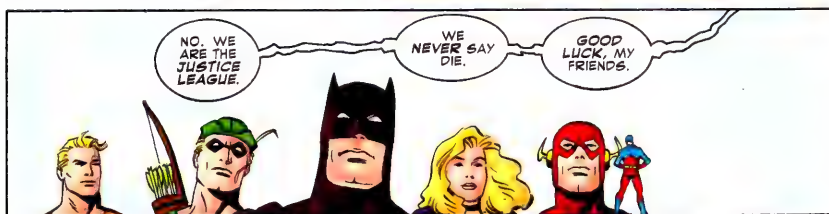
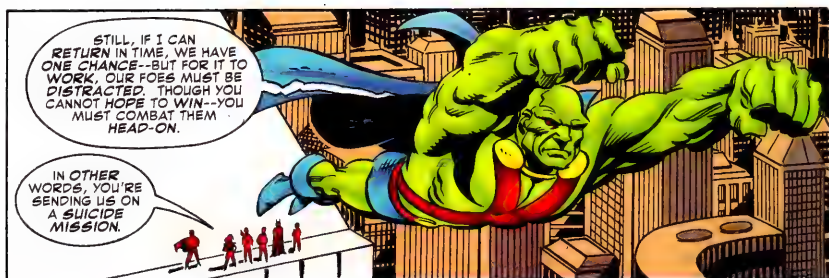
OUR ENEMIES KNOW US BACKWARD AND FORWARD...AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT! WE CAN'T CHANGE WHO WE ARE.

WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I--

J'ONN, YOU HAVE AN IDEA--?

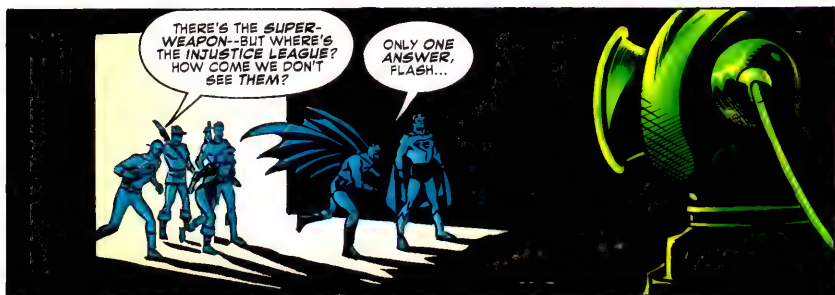
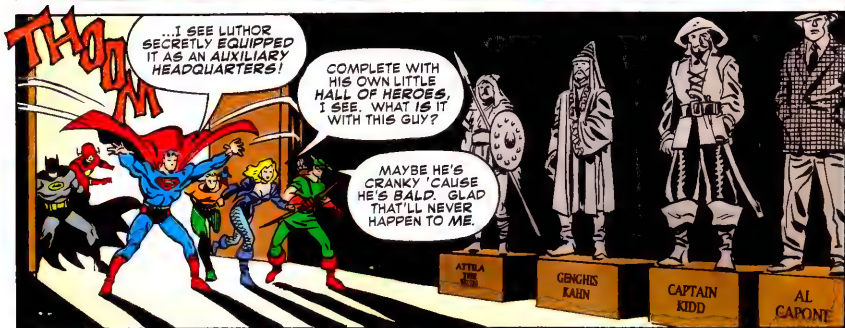
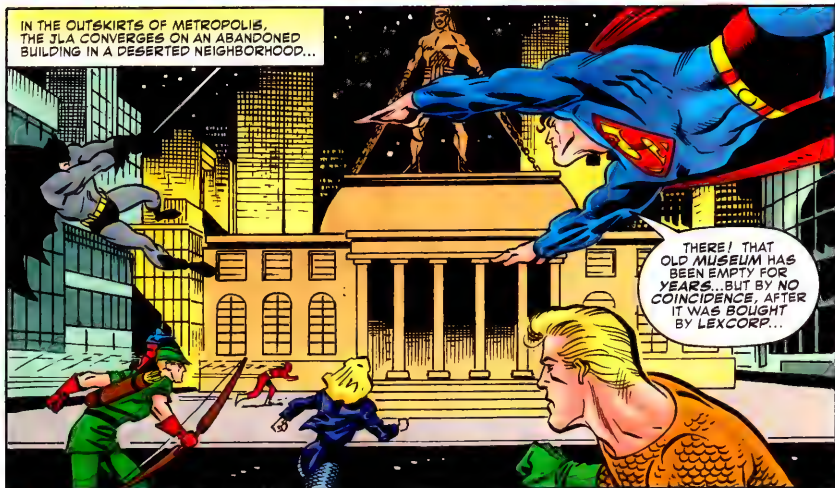
WITH THE ABSORBASCON IN PLAY, I DARE NOT SHARE IT. IT'S ALL I CAN TO TELEPATHICALLY SHIELD MY OWN MIND FROM ITS INVASIVENESS.

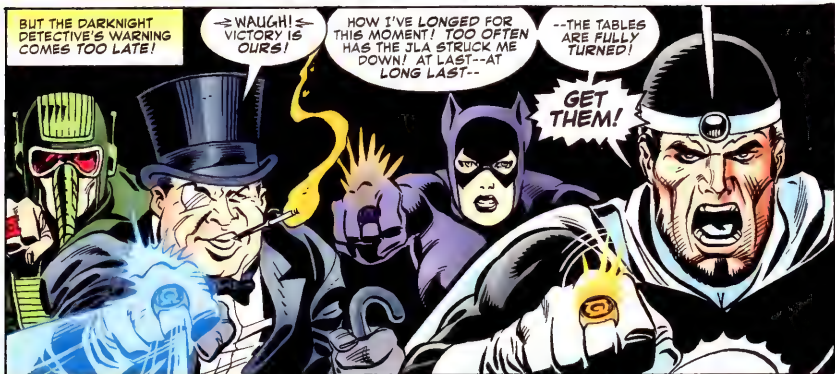
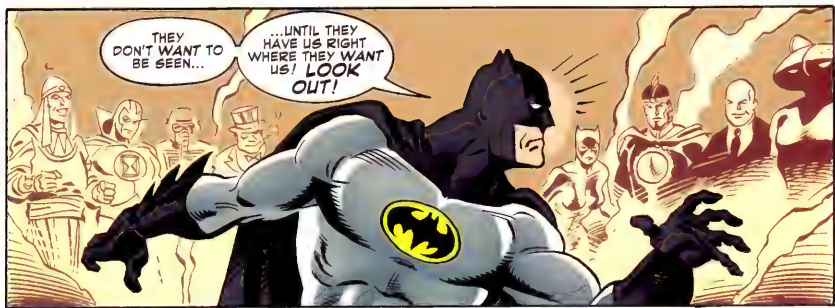


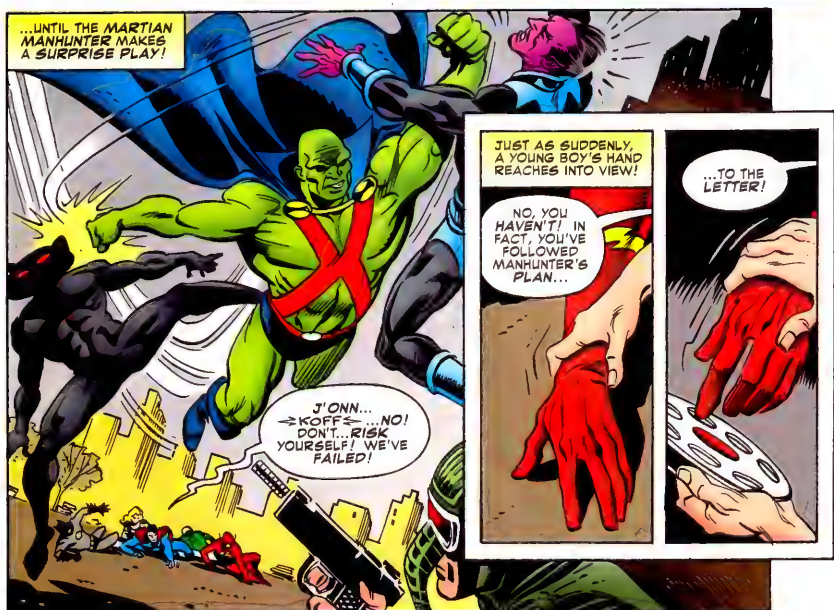
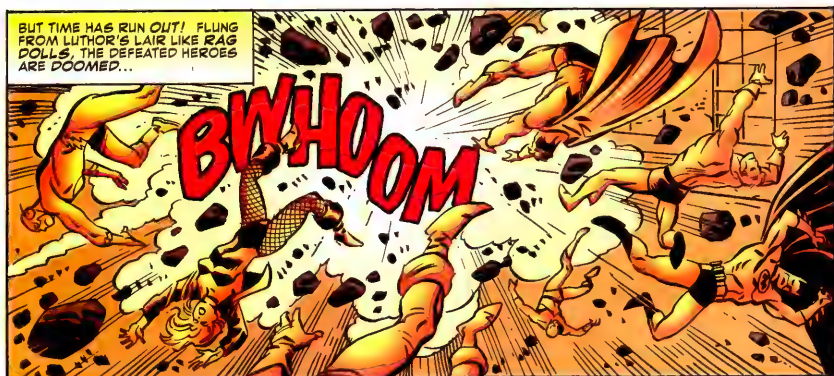
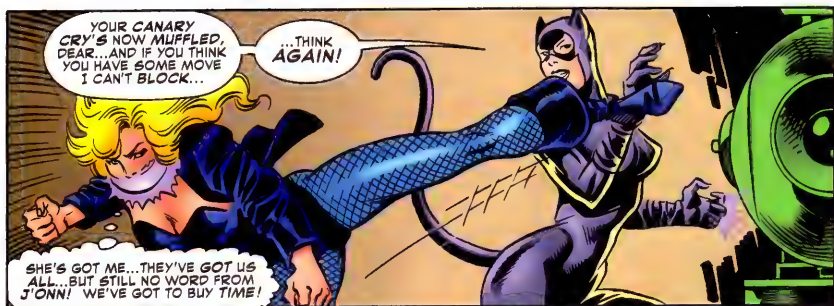


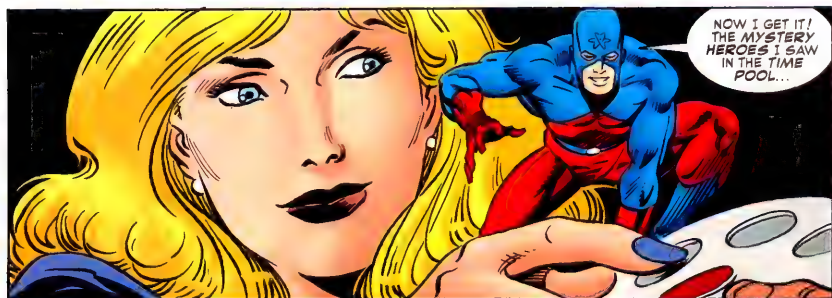
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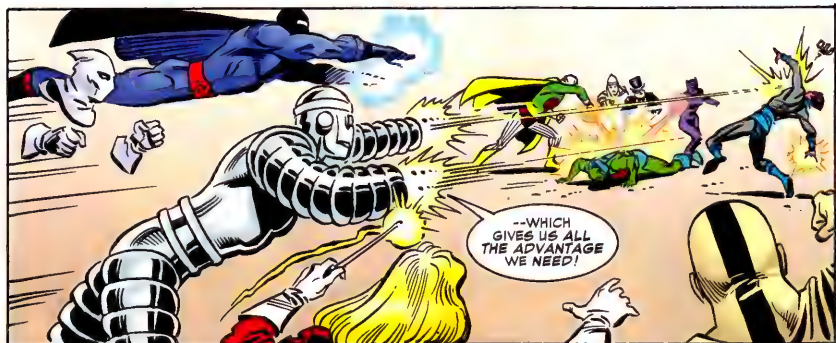
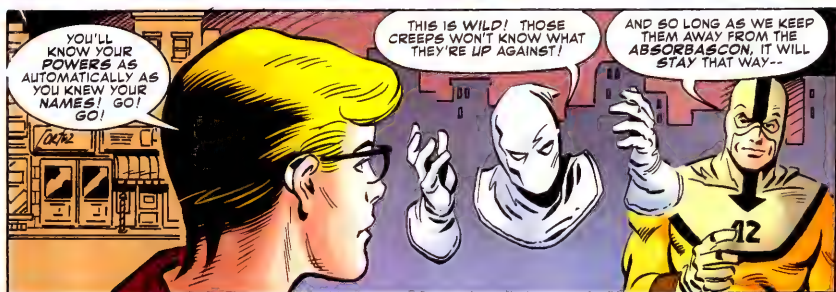
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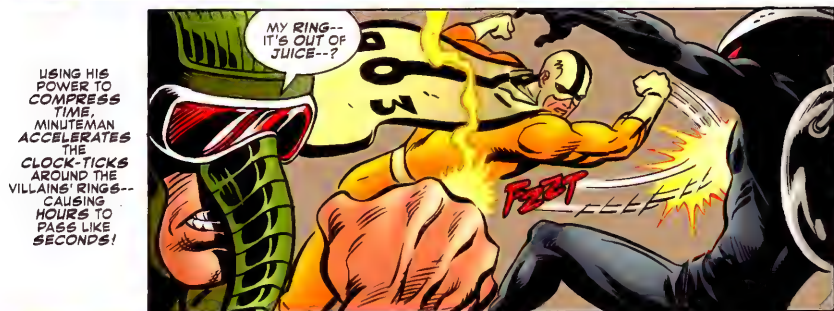




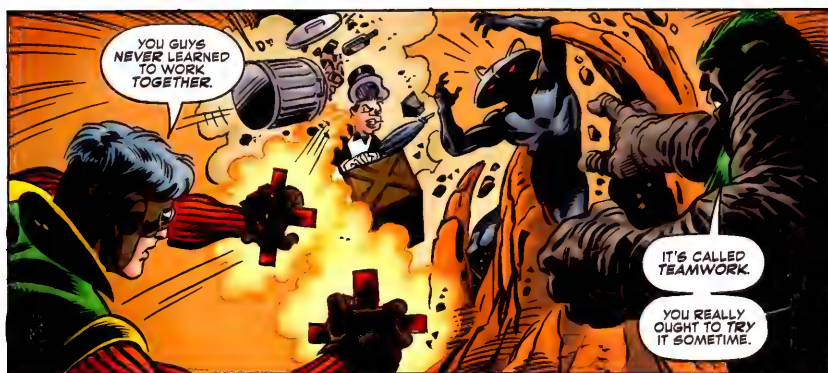
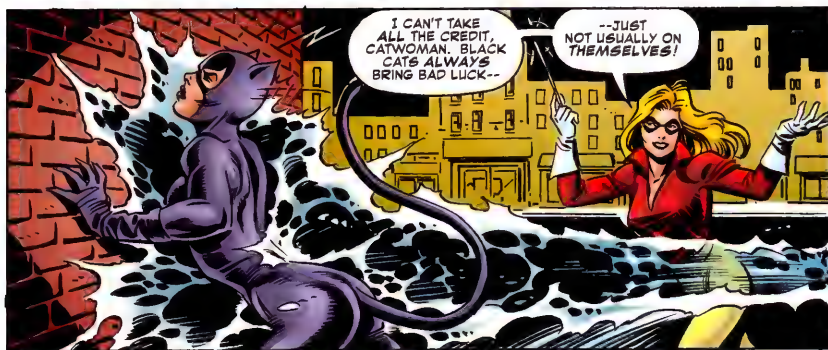
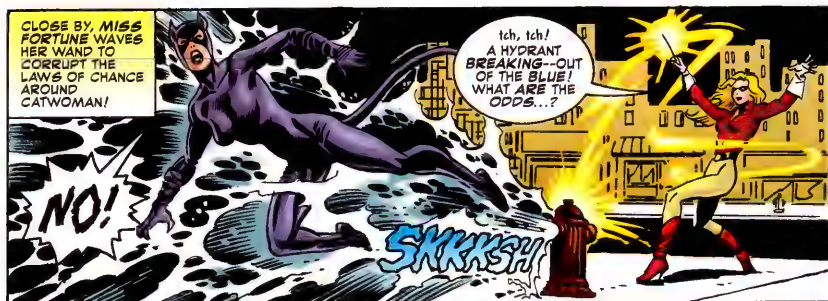


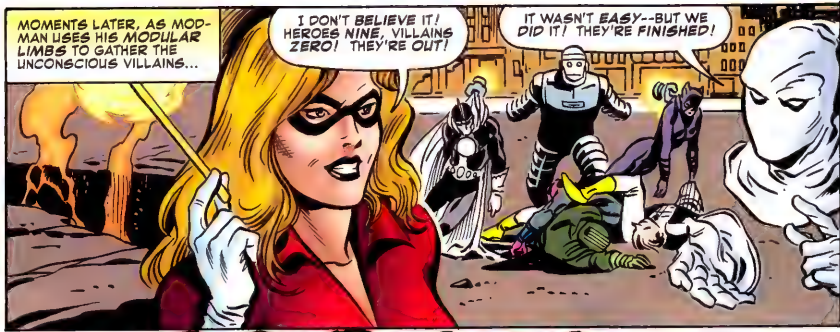




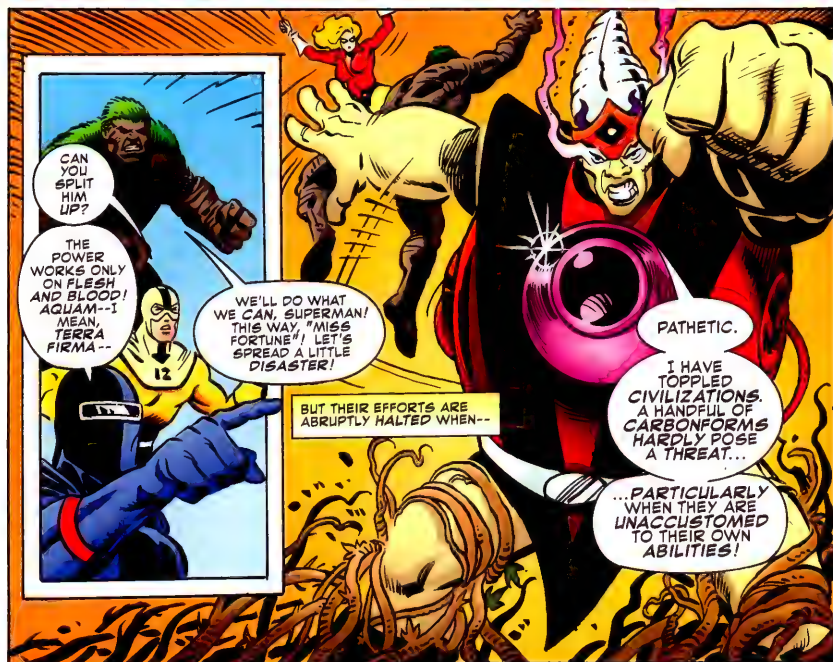


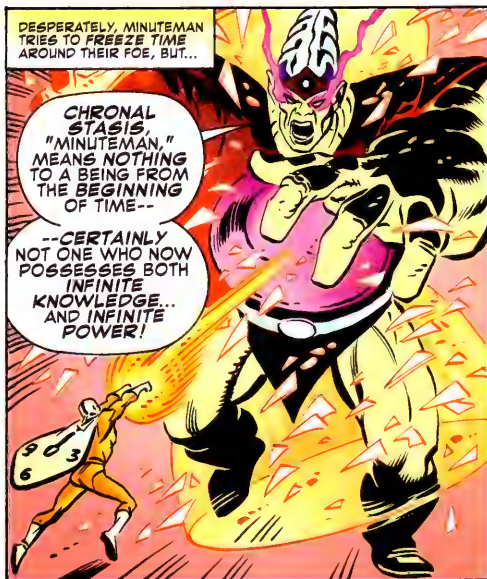












DESPERATELY, MINUTEMAN TRIES TO FREEZE TIME AROUND THEIR FOE, BUT...

CHRONAL STASIS.
"MINUTEMAN,"
MEANS NOTHING
TO A BEING FROM
THE BEGINNING
OF TIME--

--CERTAINLY
NOT ONE WHO NOW
POSSESSES BOTH
INFINITE
KNOWLEDGE...
AND INFINITE
POWER!



AT LAST...
AT LONG...
LONG
LAST... I HAVE FINALLY
SEIZED THE EONS-OLD
LEGACY GRANTED BY
MY FATHER!

NOW AND
FOREVERMORE
I AM THE
RIGHTFUL RULER
OF THE
UNIVERSE...



...AND YOU
WILL BE THE
FIRST TO
TASTE MY
MERCILESS
VENGEANCE!

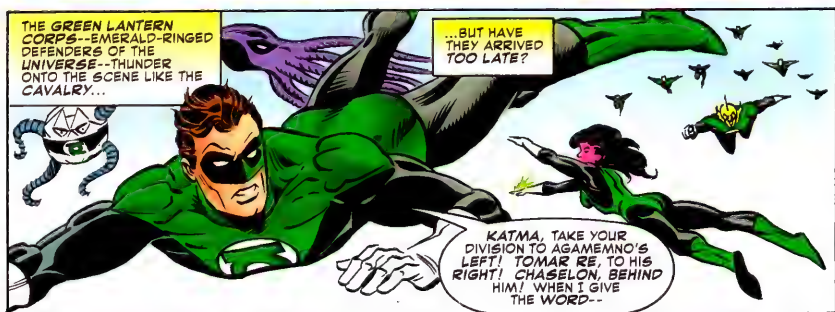
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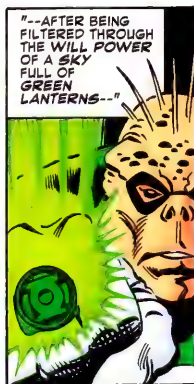
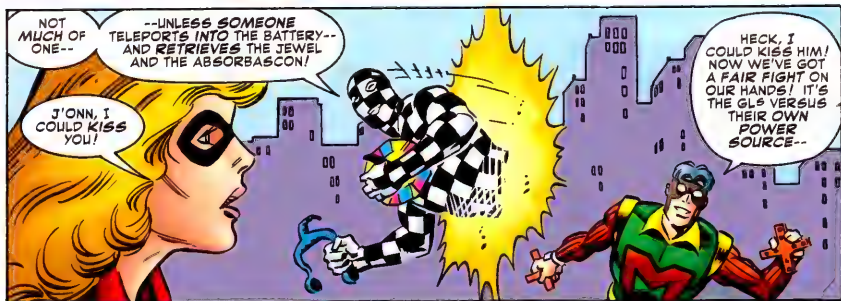
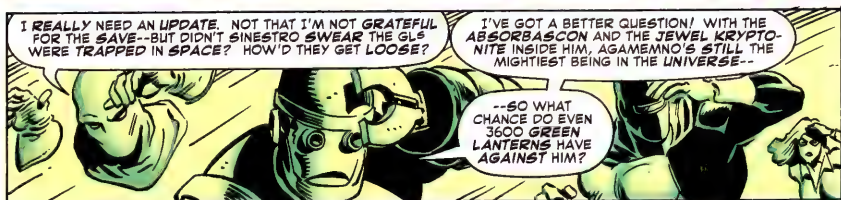
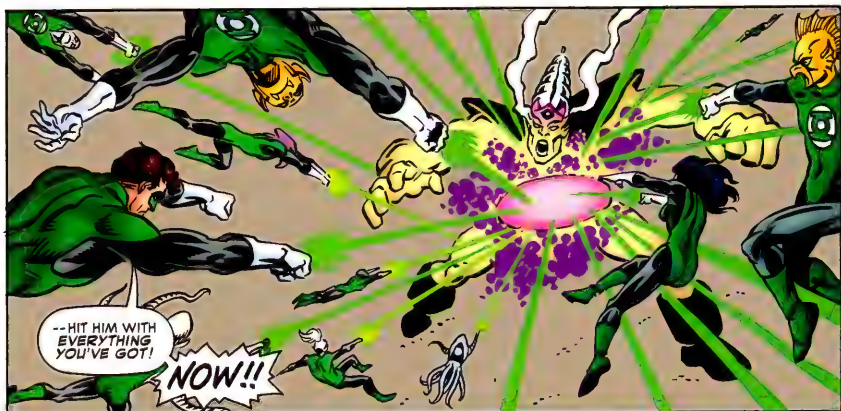


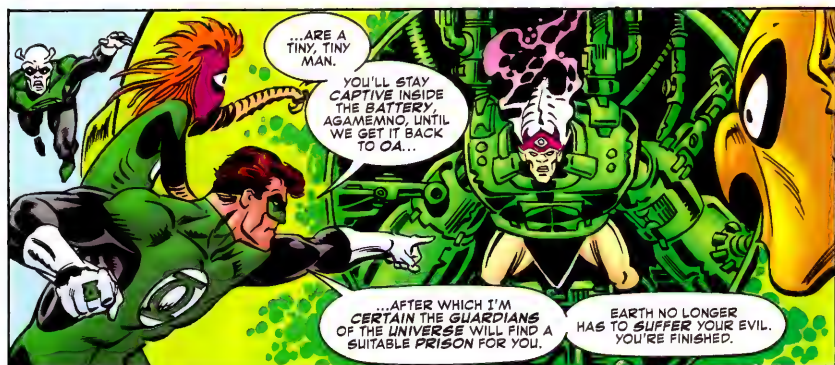
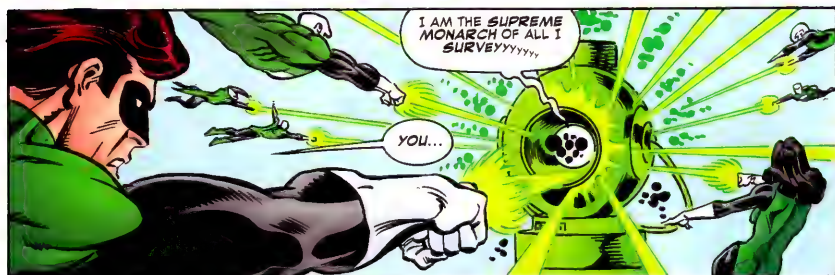
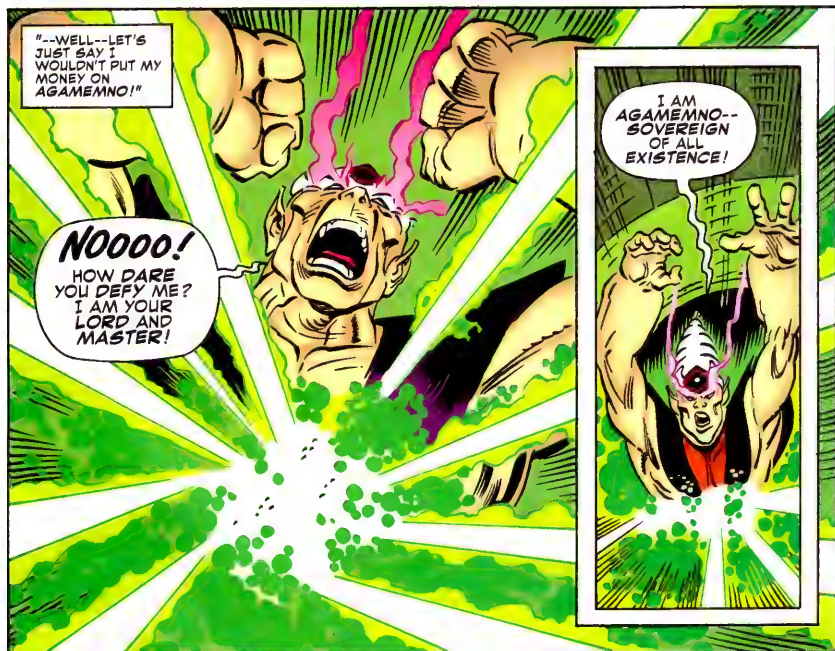
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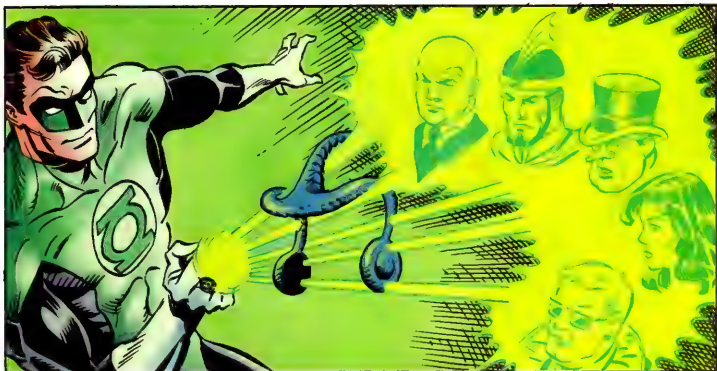


S.O.S. to NOWHERE!

EPILOGUE

VICTORY!
EARTH'S
HEROES STAND
TRIUMPHANT--
BUT THEIR WORK
ISN'T YET
FINISHED! BY
FOCUSING HIS
POWER RING
THROUGH THE
ABSORBA-
SCON, GREEN
LANTERN EVER
SO CAREFULLY
REVERSES
ITS
EFFECTS--

--REMOVING
THE KNOWLEDGE
OF THE JLAERS'
SECRET
IDENTITIES
FROM Foe
AND FRIEND
ALIKE!



MEANWHILE, HAVING
GATHERED THE INJUSTICE
LEAGUE, THE LEAGUERS
IMPRISON FALLEN FOES...

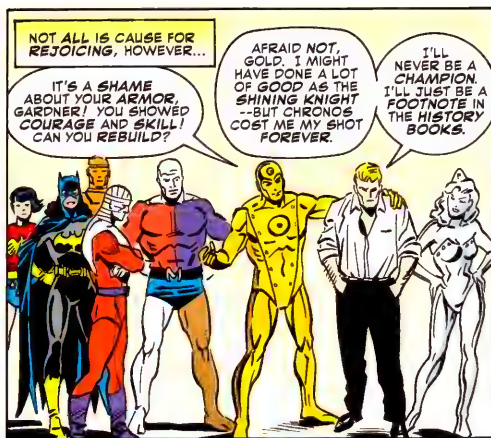


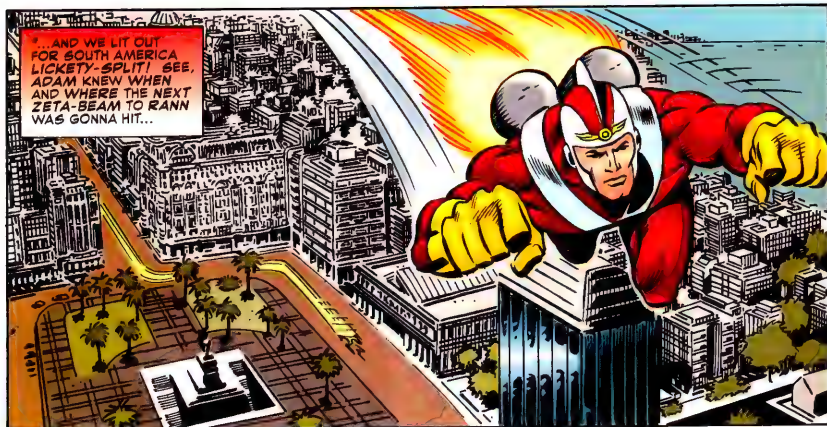
...AND BID FAREWELL
TO NEW ALLIES.

THANKS AGAIN
FOR THE TIMELY
ASSIST, GENTLEMEN.
HERE'S HOPING OUR
PATHS CROSS AGAIN
SOMEDAY.

WE CAN ONLY
HOPE, SUPERMAN.
THE LEGEND OF THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE
FAR TRANSCENDS
ITS TERRAN
ORIGINS.

IT WOULD
BE AN
HONOR TO
HAVE A
HAWKMAN
SERVE
ALONGSIDE
YOU IN THE
FUTURE.

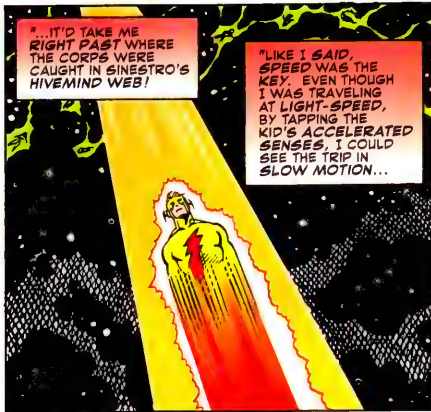




"...AND WE LIT OUT FOR SOUTH AMERICA LICKETY-SPLIT! SEE, ADAM KNEW WHEN AND WHERE THE NEXT ZETA-BEAM TO RANN WAS GONNA HIT..."



"...AND I KNEW IF I CAUGHT IT..."

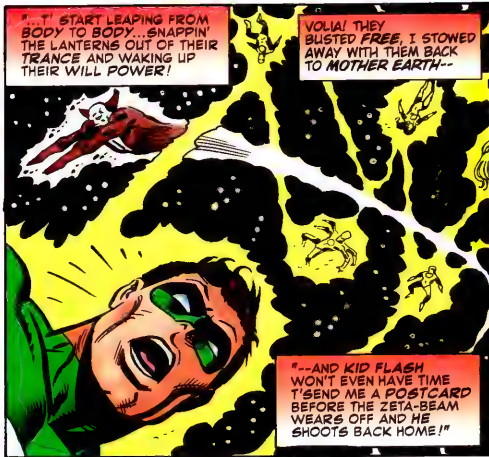


"...IT'D TAKE ME RIGHT PAST WHERE THE CORPS WERE CAUGHT IN SINESTRO'S HIVEMIND WEB!"

"LIKE I SAID, SPEED WAS THE KEY. EVEN THOUGH I WAS TRAVELING AT LIGHT-SPEED, BY TAPPING THE KID'S ACCELERATED SENSES, I COULD SEE THE TRIP IN SLOW MOTION..."



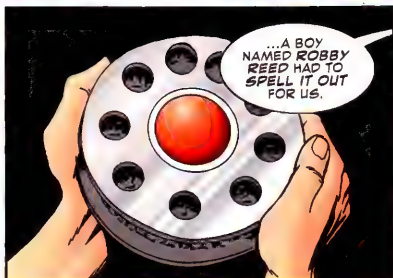
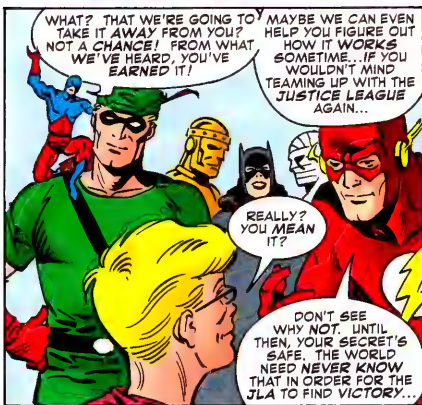
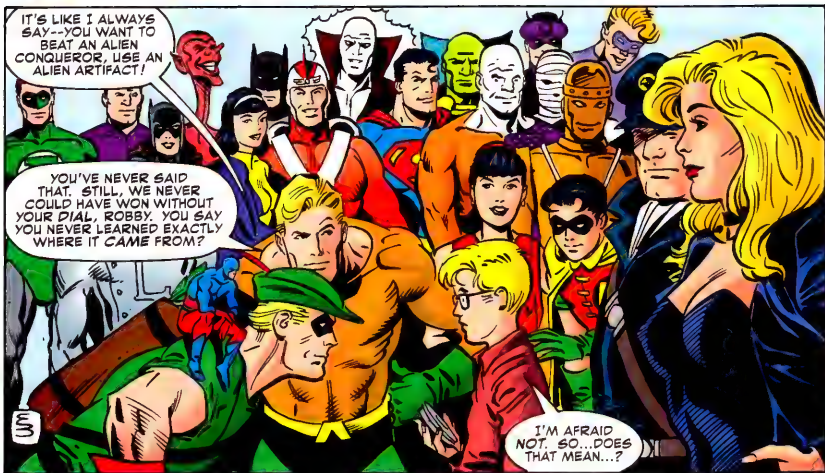
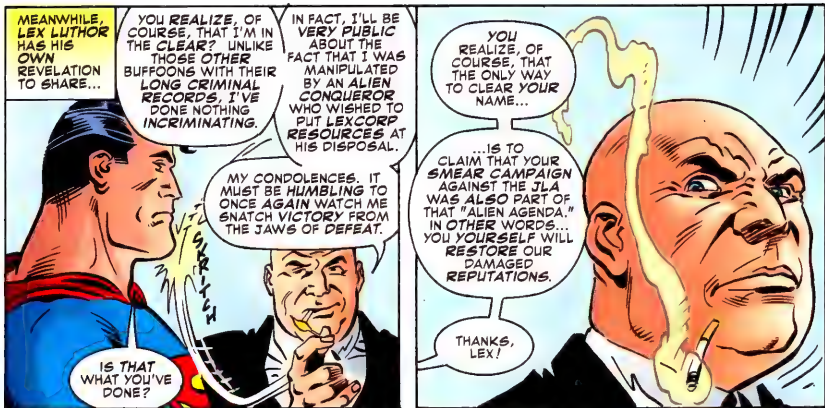
"...ALLOWING THIS OLD AERIALIST THE SPLIT-SECOND TIMING..."



"I START LEAPING FROM BODY TO BODY...SNAPPIN' THE LANTERNS OUT OF THEIR TRANCE AND WAKING UP THEIR WILL POWER!"

"VOLIA! THEY BUSTED FREE, I STOWED AWAY WITH THEM BACK TO MOTHER EARTH--"

"--AND KID FLASH WON'T EVEN HAVE TIME T'SEND ME A POSTCARD BEFORE THE ZETA-BEAM WEARS OFF AND HE SHOOTS BACK HOME!"



READER, DID YOU SPOT THE TITLE-PAGE CLUE? CHECK OUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH CAPTION!

AND AS FOR THE ATOM'S OFFER, THE LEAGUE AND ROBBY REED DID MEET ONCE MORE--BUT THAT'S A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME! IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IT--WRITE AND LET US KNOW!

The End

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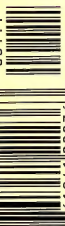
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